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Winter-parking reminder

Parking on any street in Bethel for more than one hour between midnight and 6 a.m. is prohibited until April 1, 2011. Violators will be towed.

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BWD will charge up to \$2,000 for water to build ice mountain

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Trustees of the Bethel Water District stood firm last week on an earlier decision to charge the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce for water used to build a proposed 149-foot "ice mountain" at Bethel Station.

At a special meeting Thursday evening, called to give the chamber a second opportunity for convincing the trustees to donate, or significantly discount, the water needed for the project, Mike Broderick

and Reggie Brown listened as chamber representatives made their case, but then voted together to affirm the earlier decision.

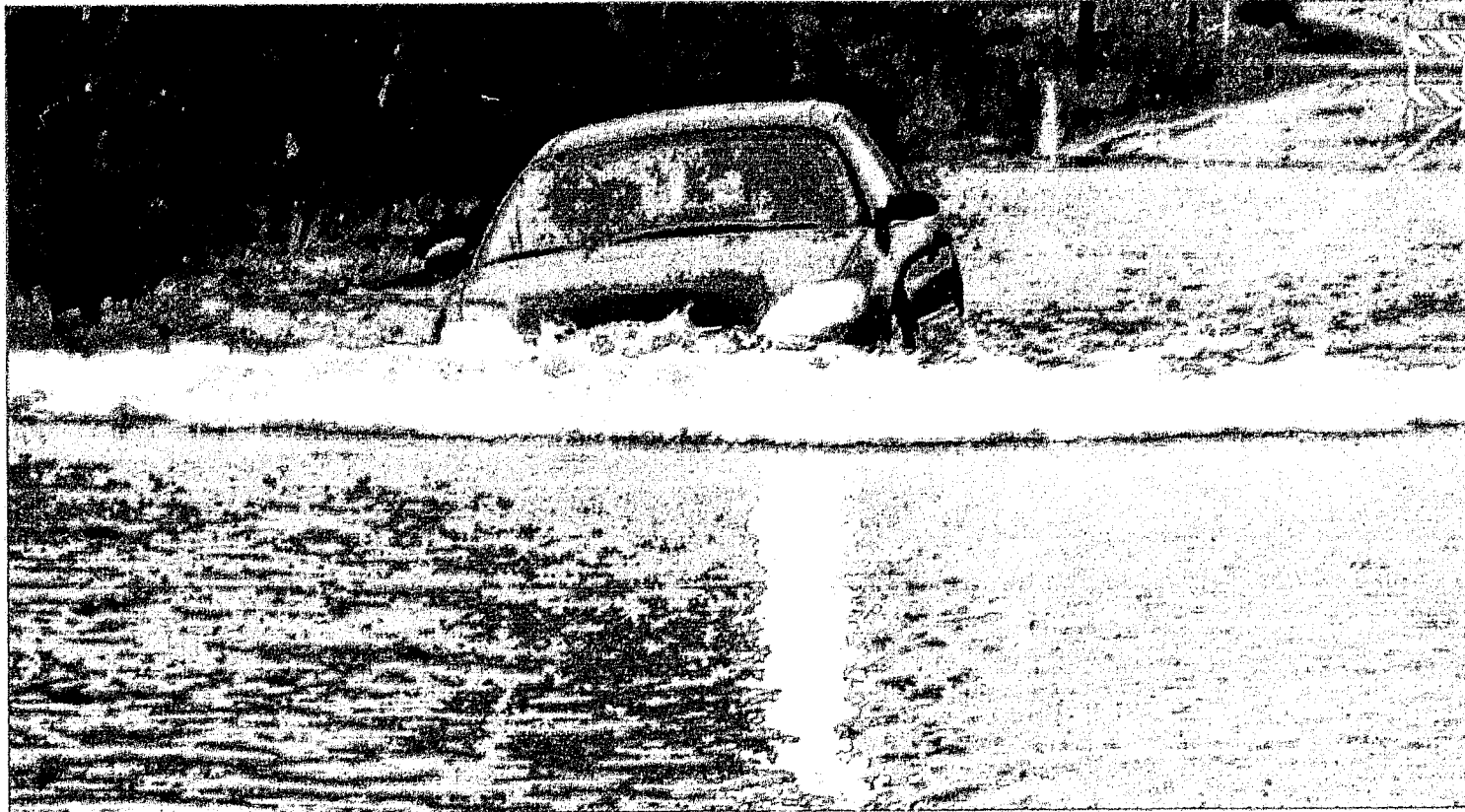
Both cited their fiduciary responsibility to the district's roughly 675 ratepayers.

Early in the meeting, BWD superintendent Lucien Roberge cast that responsibility in terms appropriate to the season.

"This is a substantial

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Sheriff, garage owner agree — 'Don't do this.'



HAVING SAILED PAST A 'ROAD CLOSED' SIGN, this driver near Rumford Corner Monday plunges deep into water covering Route 232. This time she made it safely to dry road beyond the flooding, but far too often drivers in such situations don't, said Oxford County Sheriff Wayne Gallant, and they end up exposing themselves, their passengers and would be rescuers to the dangers posed by deep, fast and very cold water. Duane Bennett, owner of Bennett Automotive in Bethel, said that in some cases the very road they expect to carry them to the other side "may not even be there," because of washouts below. And even when drivers do reach the high and dry, Bennett said, it's quite possible to be with damaged vehicles or even ruined engines. If you do find yourself in a situation where you absolutely must cross a flooded road, Bennett said, the last thing you want to do is to put the pedal to the metal. "A car can go through some water," he said, "but they need to crawl," the way military drivers and Jeeps are taught to do. In this case, he said, "The driver is going way too fast."

Think 'tall and thin,' and perhaps starting up this weekend

By JIM SYSKO, Project Engineer

Weather permitting we should have the seven-pipe, steel tower in place for this weekend at the earliest but more likely by the middle of next week. After that we will be making ice whenever we have below-freezing temps.

Our plan is to start making a base using the 20-foot (lowest) pipe first, then use progressively taller pipes as the ice builds. The tallest pipe will top out just over 140 feet, about 20 feet taller than Olympia [The World's Tallest Snowwoman].

Your guess is (almost) as good as mine on what it will look like as it grows. Think tall and slender.

A mild winter may prevent us from using the tallest pipes, because the base won't be robust enough to support heavy ice on high. A long, cold winter might give us a chance to make a really impressive mountain.

Unfortunately, the site is open to direct sun all day long and judging from our experience with the two big snowpeople, our tower may lean to the south. Of course, if that happens the north side will be easier to climb.

For this project all calculations and predictions are not much better than wild guesses. I've already eaten "humble pie," when I forgot to include a value for pi in the volume formula printed on the front page of The Citizen a couple of weeks ago.

The result of our efforts may be only a small icy mound, but who knows.

At least one thing's for sure: The people of the Bethel area are willing to take some risks.

Supporters of North Road asphalt plant make their case, as planners' review gets underway

By ALISON ALOISIO

An asphalt plant proposed for Bethel's North Road gained two more public supporters at last week's Planning Board meeting.

Planners are currently reviewing an application for the plant, and considering how to deal with concerns expressed by some area residents about odor and other possible impacts.

Bruce A. Manzer, Inc. has applied to the board to build the plant on the back portion of a gravel pit lot, located near

the Coleman Concrete plant.

Since 2008 Manzer has been operating a temporary asphalt plant, approved by the board, on land owned by Dick Douglass.

The new plant would be located across the road from the temporary site.

At a recent public hearing, several neighbors complained the temporary plant, which operated seasonally from April to November, has created smoke and a strong petroleum-like smell.

Business owners on Route 2

in the Mayville area also worried the smell could have a negative impact on the tourist industry.

At the Dec. 8 regular meeting of the board, two local businessmen spoke in favor of the new plant.

Ron Savage of Savage Contracting said he owns both commercial and residential property on the North Road.

"If we had zoning, that would be the industrial part of town," he said, citing rock crushing, the cement plant, the airport, a wood pellet

business, and logging and excavation operations.

An asphalt plant, he said, "benefits the area. I surely benefitted from having it near here. He just did a bunch of paving for me on my Timber Creek subdivision. I don't think of a better location [for the plant] than the industrial area."

Jack Brooks, of Brooks Brothers, agreed, noting he also has done business with Manzer.

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Board approves three-year salary agreement for SAD-44 teachers

By ALISON ALOISIO

The SAD 44 School Board Monday unanimously approved a three-year salary agreement with teachers and administrative staff. Beginning in FY'11 (the current school year) they will receive

a 0 percent increase, followed by 1.75 percent increases for each of the following years.

Teacher salaries, however, also increase annually by an additional increment of 1 to 1.5 percent, as individuals move up pre-existing salary

"steps," according to Superintendent Dave Murphy.

There are 22 such annual steps, beginning with the entry teacher salary of \$41,000 and ending at \$53,474 for 22-year veterans holding a C-1

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'School-to-Work' teaches discipline

By ALISON ALOISIO

It's work/study, high school style. Telstar's School-to-Work program gives students, in the words of senior Haunna Wheeler, "a head start" in the world of work.

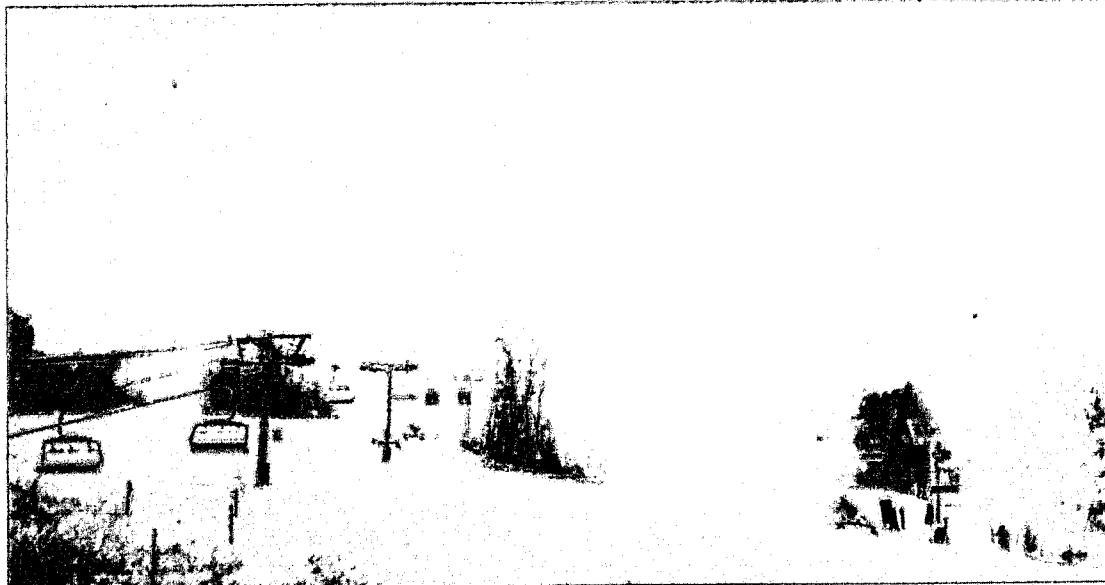
Now in its second year, the program provides its 10 students with the chance to split time between the real world and classroom work on finance, budgeting and money management.

"We can do either job shadowing or a job,"

said Wheeler, who plans to spend the winter season volunteering at Maine Handicapped Skiing. She hopes to progress to a college program and then a job teaching horseback riding to the disabled.

Junior Catelynn Bennett began working full time this past summer at the Northeast Bank in Bethel. She works part time during the school year.

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PRE-HOLIDAYS SNOW REPORT—The white world shown here was Sunday River as it appeared before the recent rains, but by mid-week the guns were blowing again. Director of Communications Darcy Morse provided the following Wednesday morning update: "Starting this morning, we'll fire snowguns on White Heat including the 145 guns currently spread over White Cap and Jordan Bowl's Lollapalooza trail. By this weekend, we're looking to have upwards of 50 trails open and 10 lifts running, and have been busy making snow on new trails and resurfacing snow on existing trails with extensive grooming. Our goal for the coming weekend is to add White Cap to the mix of what we currently have open which is seven chairlifts and 42 trails, and to add ski-in/ski-out access from our two Grand Resort Hotels in time for the holidays."

Parish of the Holy Saviors

Christmas Weekend Mass Schedule

At Our Lady of the Snows
265 Walkers Mills Road
Saturday, Dec. 25, 8:00 AM
No 6:00 PM Mass on Saturday
Sunday, Dec. 26
4:30 PM Mass
Feast of Christ the King

Saint Athanasius and St. John's Church
126 Maine Avenue, Rumford
Christmas Eve, Fri., Dec. 24
4:00 & 7:00 PM
Sat., Dec. 25, 10:00 AM
Sun., Dec. 26, 9:30 AM
207-364-4556 for info.

Celebrate the Holidays at the Inn

Christmas Eve:	Christmas Day:	New Year's Celebration:
Special ala carte dinner menu with 7 entrees including: Prime Rib, New England Veal Chop, Chicken Florentine, Seafood Saute', Maine Lobster & more! Caroling & Refreshments 5pm - 6pm Sleigh Rides from 5pm - 7:30pm	Special Holiday dinner menu with choice of entree including: Roasted Turkey, Shrimp Scampi, Prime Rib, Lamb Sirloin & more! Homebaked desserts, beautiful decor, fireplaces aglow!	Five course dinner in the Main Dining Room. 5:30pm - 10pm Entrees: Beef Wellington, Shrimp and Sea Bass, Duck Breast, Veal Scaloppini Mixed Grill, Lamb Chop & NY Strip "The Underachievers" 5 piece band in the Tavern. Champagne toast, sleigh rides and more!

The Main Dining Room will open for the winter season on December 17th, 5:30pm - 9pm, then open nightly through the vacation week. Country Breakfast served weekends, 7:30am - 9:30pm, then daily starting 12/24. Wine Dinner for Two Special... Four courses, shared bottle of wine just \$29.95 per person!

The Millbrook Tavern & Grille: Casual & Family Friendly!
Open Thursday - Saturday, 4pm for cocktails, 5pm - 9pm for dinner.
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Letters

ALPINE TRIPLE CROWN

To the Editor:

Young alpine ski racers in Maine will have a new event to look forward to in 2011. Race organizers have announced the creation of The Maine Alpine Triple Crown, an event that will be hosted on three successive Friday nights by Titcomb Mountain, Farmington, Lost Valley Ski Area, Auburn, and Mt. Abram, Greenwood. The races will be open to all alpine skiers between nine and fourteen years of age.

Historically, alpine ski racing in Maine has been divided between races sanctioned by the United States Ski Association, and non-USSA sanctioned races typically sponsored by middle schools or run as part of the Mt. Dew race series, according to Allan Loboizzo, an official with the Maine Alpine Race Association. There has never been a race series that attracted racers from across the entire spectrum of young alpine skiers in Maine, according to Loboizzo.

"We want to get as many kids involved as possible," said Mark Thibodeau, race director at Mt. Abram. "The goal is to give racers success and to keep them racing and keep them in the sport," he said.

Titcomb will hold a dual Giant Slalom race on Jan. 28, Lost Valley will hold a Slalom on Feb. 4, and Mt. Abram will feature the final event, a Giant Slalom on Feb. 11, 2011.

Each event will cost \$15. Age categories in each gender will be 9-10 year olds, 11-12 year olds and 13-14 year olds. Ages will be based on the age of a participant on Jan. 1, 2011. Awards will be given at each individual event. Furthermore, overall awards will be presented in each age group to combined winners, including an award to the Triple Crown champions in each age group. The Triple Crown awards will take place at Mt. Abram on Feb. 11, 2011. Place points in each event will be used to determine overall winners.

Entries should be mailed to the following addresses, with a \$15 check. Include the athlete's name, gender and age on Jan. 1, 2011. Entries should be postmarked no later than the Tuesday before the event. Information, changes and updates will be posted on the website Mainejrski.com.

Todd Richard, Race Director, Titcomb Mt., 116 Orchard Street, Farmington, ME 04938.

Jodd Bowles, Race Director Lost Valley, 200 Lost Valley Road, Auburn, ME 04210.

Mark Thibodeau, Race Director, Mt. Abram, P.O. Box 189, Greenwood, ME 04255.

For more information, contact Allan Loboizzo at 841-4282, or e-mail at loboizzo@megalink.net.

Allan Loboizzo
Official, Maine Alpine Race Association

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

To the Editor:

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 22, at 7 pm. a Blue Christmas Service will be held at West Parish Congregational Church on Church Street.

Amidst the excitement, joy, and happiness associated with the Christmas season, there are many who feel "blue" at this time of year. For some the holiday season may always bring sad feelings; others may have suffered a recent loss and are grieving; others may suffer from chronic depression. No matter what the reason for the "blue" feelings, all are welcome to gather at this ecumenical service and be able to acknowledge their "Christmas Blues," the reasons for them, and offer them to God in this special Christmas service. Carol Stevens and Virginia Rickeman will be leading the service.

Whether you are part of a church community or not, you are welcome to attend. Those who wish to support someone feeling "blue" at this season are also most welcome. Christmas is about love, warmth and sharing - some are in need and some are needed to give.

May all find peace this Christmas even if "merry" is not part of the season.

Peggy Wight
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability. Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.

In situations where the letter writer has a political, economic, familial or other relationship that could be perceived as bearing on the topic addressed in the letter, we strongly suggest the writer make that relationship known in the text of the letter or after their signature.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

The deadline for letters to the editor is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Letters submitted after that deadline will be considered for publication when circumstances permit.

Send your letters to: Editor, Bethel Citizen, PO Box 109, Bethel, ME 04217-0109. Fax: 824-2426. E-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA THANKS

To the Editor:

To the citizens of Bethel and surrounding area who participated in the Wreaths Across America event this past weekend, it was a huge success. It has me being a proud citizen to be part of it. We sold 150 wreaths and the Riverside Cemetery looks great.

I would like to give a big thank you to Commander Robert McCartney and the American Legion for placing the wreaths at the Civil War Monument and making sure the ceremony went so smoothly. I would also like to thank Emily Bellinger from Telstar High School for singing the National Anthem.

Special thanks to Western Maine Supply for accepting delivery of the wreaths, storing them, and delivering them in the cemetery where the Boy Scouts placed them at the veterans grave sites. Thank you Boy Scouts for your hard work.

Thanks to Becky Kendall for helping to get the word out, and last but not least, a very special thanks to my daughter, Kate Saunders, for making it all happen. I could not have done it without you.

From the heart,
Sm Craig Davis, Civil Air Patrol

CHRISTMAS FOR FAMILIES THANKS

To the Editor:

We would like to say a hearty thank you to our community and so many others that came to visit or have lived here in the past for the wonderful outpouring of generosity to make sure that other families have a Christmas. We have had help in the past but this year has been an outstanding one! To our many elves, and you know who you are, we appreciate your love, time and energy that make this all possible.

This is our 33rd year doing Christmas for Families. We have had some very lean years but this is not one of them. We figured that it was going to be a lean year with the economy the way it is but people have been so generous in spite of the economy.

To Maine Street Realty, what can anyone say besides thank you. There are just not enough words to express our gratitude. You have let us use your office as a drop off for money, the many gifts and applications. It is wonderful to have a central location for it all.

A special thank you to the Rooster's Roadhouse Restaurant which throughout the year has done various fundraisers to be able to donate to organizations in our town that help others. Then you have American Legion Post 68 that for many years has donated their time and building for a Bingo fundraiser and for the last few years the Ladies Auxiliary has done wonderful Christmas stockings. Funky Red Barn for their wonderful fundraiser that resulted in a very generous donation. Maine Line Products has also helped through all these many years. The list just goes on and on. There are just too many to list but know that you are in our hearts.

We already have 75 families and with your generous help we will make it all happen.

Merry Christmas!

Nina Wheeler
Director, Christmas for Families

ARTS PROGRAM THANKS THE SUMMIT

To the Editor:

The Explorations Art Program recently celebrated its 20th Anniversary Exhibit of student art work. For most of those 20 years, the Summit Hotel at Sunday River has been donating conference rooms for the exhibit.

Once again the Summit was host to this joyous event. I want to thank Dan Crooker, Mark Look and Laura Scheidegger of Conference Sales at the Summit for their extraordinary service. Even though I receive this opportunity as a contribution to my program,

I am treated as a paying customer, with the greatest attention to every detail.

The care of the Summit staff made this celebration exhibit especially enjoyable, and I am grateful for their generosity.

Arla Patch
Founder, Explorations Art Program

A dog's Christmas

By TONY ANDREWS

A while ago I had an epiphany during the morning "stare down" with the dog.

For those of you who are not familiar with this event, let me explain how it works at my house. In the morning I usually get up about 6:30 and get some coffee and watch the morning news. Some time shortly thereafter, my wife gets up and makes herself a cup of coffee and a bowl of cereal or something for breakfast. This is the signal for the dog to park himself approximately 4 to 5 feet from me and stare at me until I feed him. On an average day, I will babble at him about how lazy he is because he just got up and "what do I look like, his slave or something?" To this my wife usually just rolls her eyes as if to say "I can't believe how childish you are." He, however, continues to stare at me with a look that I am quite sure says "I don't know what you are saying but I want food." Then I usually get up and feed him.

Occasionally, I feel the need to flex my dominance over him and make him wait. This usually brings him to shivering and whimpering within about two minutes, followed by barking if he doesn't get the results he is after. When he finally starts barking, I scold him insincerely and get up and feed him.

For the life of me I don't really know why he gets so excited about eating the same food that he had last night and every other meal for the last decade, but he does. Even though I can't imagine that he even tastes it as fast as it moves from his dish to his stomach. I don't think he even chews!

Now in my world, the dog has two main functions.

1. To make me feel like the most important person on earth when I walk through the door. 2. In the unlikely event that someone breaks in with the intent to do harm to me or my family, get a piece of them and buy us time.

In regard to item 1. He doesn't really do that great with me, but, he goes mental with my wife when she gets home. I suspect it is because she cheats and makes a big deal out of him when she comes through the door and tells him he is the "most handsomest dog in the world." She certainly doesn't talk to me like that. But in all fairness, it has been quite a while since I walked through the door and scratched her behind the ears and told her that she was the "most prettiest girl in the world" too. So I guess we are even.

In regard to item 2. Well, he really hasn't been put to the test, but if the plumber is any measure, then I think he might be up to the task.

Anyway, in order for any of this to make any sense, you need to understand how this dog works. In the course of his everyday events such as getting into the garbage (which he feels guilty about but does it anyway), going out to do his business, waiting for someone to show up so that he can pretend to be very mean, there are three major events in his life.

Getting fed, finding a new place to sleep and last but far from least, going for a ride.

Getting fed we have already gone over.

Finding a new place to sleep is a challenge when you spend as much time sleeping as he does.

He and I came to an agreement a while ago about sleeping arrangements. He is not allowed on the furniture or on my bed. We disagreed one night about who owns the bed, and we don't share anymore.

These rules have been in place for quite a while and we both agree on how it works. It is not unusual to hear a clumping on the floor from someone jumping down off the couch or my bed when I come home at night. Even though there might be a warm spot that would seem to indicate that there had been a warm body on it not long ago, I didn't really see him there so we both know that it won't hold up in a "Dog Court of Law." In Dog World you have to be seen in order for it to count. I respect that.

Now for riding. Oh my God! There is nothing in this world that will evoke the same reaction as these words: "Go for a ride?" The tail is going, the body is twitching and much hopping up and down. You would never know that he was approaching 70 something in dog years. He is a little child again. It is like the fountain of youth. Well, until he launches for the back seat and forgets how high it is and pancakes on the side of the seat. I try not to make a big deal out of the hand on the butt to assist in getting on the seat. It won't be long before I'll need a hand in getting in the truck as well I fear, and I can clearly see that he is a little embarrassed by the whole thing. Anyway, he isn't really much company once he is in there. He seems pretty content to just sit there and look out the window for however long it takes to get back home. When we do arrive home he jumps out to go do his business in the woods and wags his tail at me as if to say "thanks man, that was awesome!"

Now to my little epiphany. It occurred to me after examining this behavior that he is just like a teenager!

He wakes up and goes to sleep thinking about when he is going to eat next. He is always looking for a place to sleep. He always wants a ride somewhere.

Now, the only difference is that he is enthusiastic and appreciative.

Everyone (including the dog apparently) knows that the best way to get someone to repeat behavior that you want is to reward them with a thanks or acknowledge them in some way.

How come my dog knows this and my kids don't get it? They must be as smart as the dog. They go to school and do pretty well. They are capable of utilizing the most sophisticated electronic gadgets like I-pods and computers. How come they don't know how to say thank you?

I must conclude that I have failed them. I failed to teach them that the best way to get someone to do stuff for you is to make them feel appreciated. Even the dog knows that.

I think that I have come up with a way to make things right with them:

This Christmas I am going to give each of my teenage children three certificates.

The first certificate entitles the bearer to one full year of food. Whenever you want to eat and whatever is available in the house.

The second certificate entitles the bearer to one full year of rides to and from any variety of events that they might come up with.

The third certificate entitles the bearer to one full year of board. A place to sleep, heat and electricity included.

That's right, all this free for one year! If all goes well, I might extend this offer for another year next Christmas!

I can't wait to see their smiling little faces when they open up this gift. I just hope that they don't embarrass me by making too big a deal of this gift.

I'll keep you posted.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: More than 100 Santas turned out for Sunday River Ski Resort's first annual Santa Sunday.

An afternoon of free cookie baking and decorating for kids was held at Café DiCocoa.

A log home-style kiosk was dedicated at the Maine Visitors' Center at the Evans Notch Ranger Station in Bethel.

Deaths: Gerard D. Desjardins, Dorothy M. Gammon, Roxie A. Rowe.

20 years ago: The Mahoosuc Arts Council sponsored a community performance of Handel's Messiah at the West Parish Congregational Church.

Mt. Abram ski area opened for the season Dec. 8 with more than 300 skiers turning out to enjoy the nine intermediate and beginner trails available.

Cheryl Eliot was promoted to Assistant Treasurer and Operations Assistant at Bethel Savings Bank.

Births: Bryce Wayne Walker, Maggie Lynn Hoyt.

Deaths: Wallace Ernest Saunders, E. Louise Coolidge.

30 years ago: The Trustees of the Bethel Historical Society appointed a committee to plan and coordinate a bicentennial observance of "New England's Last Indian Raid."

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Asher Runnels on the Sunday River Road was extensively damaged by falling trees during high winds. Their two automobiles were also damaged.

The Pleasant Valley Grange held their annual Children's Christmas party at the Grange Hall.

Births: Alexander Scott Merrill, Trevor Bradley Boyce, Heather Marie Perry, Jessica Lynn DeNormandie, Rusty Alan Seames.

Deaths: Blye Granville Jordrey, Mrs. Dorothy E. Beaupre.

40 years ago: Leland R. Brown was appointed to the Rumford Community Hospital Board of Directors.

The music department at Telstar presented its first Christmas concert. Performing were the mixed chorus and the junior and senior high bands.

Births: Stanley Moore, Jr., Glenn Roger Poisson.

Death: Mrs. Katherine Bisbee Peabody.

50 years ago: L. M. Mann Company's mill in Bryant Pond was closed several days due to a breakdown.

Births: William Yasohachi Shimamura, Theodore William Gallant.

60 years ago: Lt. Paul Daniels, formerly of Gilead, was wounded in Korea.

Cpl. Herbert Lyons received the combat infantry badge in Korea.

The barn on the Charles Marston place in Albany, owned by George Wentworth, burned. About 50 tons of hay was lost, but 23 head of cattle were saved.

Death: Richard L. Morse, Gailen B. Curtis.

70 years ago: The opening of the Bethel Theatre was announced to be Dec. 18, under the management of Frederick Grover. The first picture was "South of Suez."

Pleasant Valley Grange, West Bethel, celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Deaths: Charles H. Sanborn, Mrs. Kaisa Kahkonen.

80 years ago: Much work was done in the cemetery in Skillingston with funds collected by Mrs. Annie Heath.

90 years ago: Mrs. Florila Richardson celebrated her 97th birthday on Dec. 8.

W. W. Hastings closed his Broad Street home and was in Portland a short time before going to Florida.

Philip Brown was working in W. C. Bryant's Store.

Deaths: Mrs. Walter Brinck, Mrs. Lydia Fernald.

100 years ago: Miss Methel Packard was at home after teaching school at Gilead.

Fine skating was enjoyed by the young people.

Death: Kermit L. Stanley.

110 years ago: William Lowe drove two deer from the Intervale near W. L. Chapman's to Paradise Hill near his home where he shot them.

D. D. Matheson, formerly of Bethel, was killed when a railroad bridge collapsed at West Paris.

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Ice Mountain

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amount of water," Roberge said. "The BWD staff and I have received comments from customers regarding BWD donating water free of charge for this project — 100 percent of the feedback was not to donate the water, and that it should be paid for."

"There are some customers scheduled for disconnection of service due to non payment. It's not that they don't want to pay, but rather not having the ability to pay due to circumstances beyond their control. It would be very difficult, shutting these families off before the holidays, knowing that we are giving away a large amount of water to make an ice tower."

But following Roberge's remarks, Chamber President Steve Etheridge argued that the project would ultimately benefit the larger community.

"This is always referred to as a 'Chamber of Commerce project,' when it's really a community project," Etheridge said.

"This is being built by volunteers who aren't necessarily chamber members or aren't doing it as chamber members. The chamber's role here is to promote a whole series of events over a 10-day period, which is called 'The Bethel Winterfest' in order to draw people to the area," he said.

"They're not necessarily people coming here to go skiing. They're people who've heard about this on the news, and they travel up here and they spend some dollars along the way."

Etheridge also suggested that if the trustees did not feel they were in a position to donate the water: "We'd welcome payment at 50 percent of the standard rate, if we could come to an agreement and get you to become partners with the project."

But Broderick said that was not an option.

"We can't, by law, treat different groups of people differently," Broderick said. "From the board's standpoint we fully support your intentions and endeavors, but we don't feel it's within our prerogative, or within state law, to offer discount rates."

And Brown pointed out that

after further number crunching, it appeared to him the rate the district had initially proposed (and was standing by) was, in fact, already discounted.

When the cost of electricity (to pump the water) and chemicals (to treat it) is figured in, he said, "it costs \$30 per 1,000 cubic feet to get that water into Bethel. And that's not counting the cost of wages and all that stuff, because that's already in place. This is just the extra cost."

To sum up, he said, with the district currently expecting to require approximately 100,000 cubic feet of water (the earlier figure of 125,000 cubic feet had later been revised downward), "It's costing us \$3,000 to bring [that much water] down here, and we're selling it to you for \$2,000."

While he, too, supports the project, Brown said, "it's awfully hard to go into Mrs. Jones house tomorrow morning and tell her that I voted to give away \$10 of her money to make an ice sculpture."

The trustees eventually agreed to charge "no more than \$2,000," with that figure to be revised downward if necessary (for example, if unusually warm weather makes the project undoable).

Broderick characterized the amount as "reasonable, but at least bordering on benevolence."

"We're trying to be responsible," he said, "not punitive."

Sponsors pitching in

On Wednesday, Chamber Executive Director Robin Zinchuk, who initially said that having to pay for the water "would kill the project — we just don't have those kinds of resources," said that since that comment was reported, "We have received sponsorship pledges, both cash and in-kind."

The pledges, she said, came from "companies who want to align themselves with our area and who believe what the chamber does is important."

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In a front-page sidebar this week, project engineer Jim Sysko sketches the current plan for building the ice mountain.

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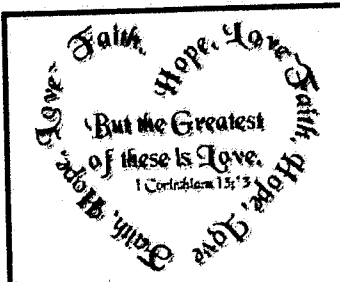
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Woodstock Residents

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Snow Plowing

Please remember that according to Maine State Law Title 29 section 2396 item 4, A person may not place and allow to remain on a public way snow or slush that has not accumulated there naturally.

Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses for 2011 are now available at the Woodstock Town Office.

Dogs that are six months old or older must now be licensed.

License fees are \$6.00 neutered/spayed
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The Woodstock Dog Control Ordinance requires a kennel for more than three dogs at one residence.

You will need to bring a current rabies immunization and a certificate of neutering or spaying, if applicable.

A late fee of \$ 15.00 will be charged on February 1, 2011.

School-to-Work

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Bennett may eventually work up to 32 hours a week during the school year, alternating work days with days in school, said School-to-Work teacher Tim O'Connor.

It's a schedule similar to the one utilized by the Region 9 School of Applied Technology, a program in which many THS students participate.

Senior Toby Cole attended Region 9 for two years, taking part in the building construction program.

This year he chose O'Connor's program, in order to explore other options. He's now working at Mt. Abram as a lift attendant — and, with O'Connor's help, doing the math to allocate his paycheck for expenses.

"You learn responsibility, organizational skills and discipline," Cole said. "You learn about the world outside."

His long-term goal is to enroll at White Mountains Com-

munity College in Berlin, N.H., majoring in criminal justice and minoring in culinary arts.

Cole would then like to work with troubled teenagers, "giving them other options," he said.

Other students in the program are working, or hope to job shadow, in areas such as food services, animal care and machining, O'Connor said.

In addition to the classwork, the students meet with O'Connor and Principal Dan Hart four times a year to talk about goals.

"It refocuses their thinking," said O'Connor.

The teens are also learning another real life lesson — that in these economic times, jobs can be hard to find.

Any area businesspeople interested in participating in the School-to-Work program are asked to call O'Connor at 824-2136.

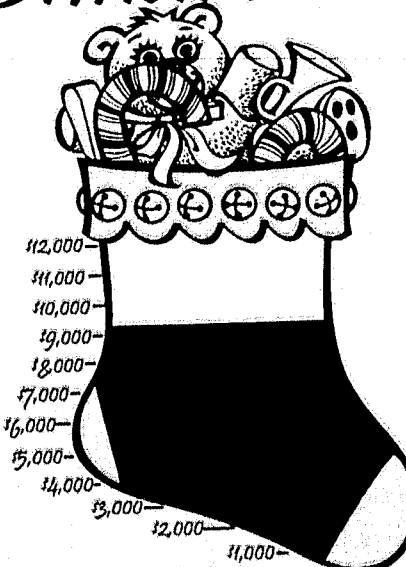
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tificate of Advanced Study. In dollars, each step up can mean an increase ranging from \$400 to about \$1,300, he said. Most of the smaller increases are at the lower steps.

Individuals also covered by the 0.175/1.75 salary increases include Murphy, THS Dean of Students Charles Raymond, TMS Principal Sandra Schroeder, Athletic Director Gail Wight, Maintenance Supervisor Burnie Rice, Administrative Assistant Robin Gundersen, Transportation Supervisor Ron Deegan, Accountant Cindy Moxey and District Technology Director Peter Kuzyk.

The individuals also received a retroactive 3 percent increase for the past school year, when their contracts ran out, Murphy said. The increase matched that of the teachers for the last year of their last contract.

Murphy's own contract expired two years ago, and for the first of those years (2008-2009) he received no increase, he said.

Teacher salaries and health benefits account for nearly half of the school budget. In the current \$9.2 million budget, approximately \$3.5 million goes to teacher salaries and \$800,000 to health insurance benefits, Murphy said. Health-benefits premium increases have been held to 0 and 2 percent in the past two years, he said.

Offices at bank eyed

In other business at Monday's board meeting, directors gave Murphy approval to negotiate with the Norway Savings Bank in Bethel to rent office space for the district's Central Office.

The office, which houses three staff (including Murphy), is currently located at the former Ethel Bisbee School.

Recent tight budgets have prompted discussion on closing the building, which also houses the District Exchange and Food Pantry.

Murphy said he believes "the savings would be substantial" by moving to the NSB — "\$12,000 to \$15,000 at a minimum."

"It could be less than half

what we're paying now."

He said the second floor of the bank offers several office options that would provide about a quarter of the office space currently occupied at EBS.

Football

Directors also approved the extension of a five-year agreement with the Telstar Football Boosters.

In 2005 the boosters raised \$70,000 for startup of a new football program. Under the past agreement, the boosters paid all costs for the first year and, through a subsequent adjustment, for the second year as well.

Beginning in the third year, SAD 44 paid for two coaches and the cost of transportation and officials for eight games a year. The coaching stipends total \$3,300, Murphy said.

The agreement, he said, has "worked really well," and the new plan, which incorporates the shared costs, is very similar.

Some directors worried that entering into the agreement would limit the board if the decision is made to cut athletic spending in the next budget year.

Murphy said while the football agreement would be binding, there would likely be an option to re-open discussion.

He reminded directors that for the second year of the football program, the boosters voluntarily covered all costs, after the district found itself in a tight financial situation.

The program is applying to the Maine Principals' Association to move up to the varsity level next year.

Murphy also reported to the board on the level of participation in the district's recent free flu immunization clinics. He said 44 percent of kindergarten through fifth-grade pupils received shots; 20 percent of middle schoolers; 23 percent of high schoolers; and 40 percent of staff members.

"We hope to do this on a yearly basis," Murphy said.

Directors also re-appointed Norm Clanton of Bethel to the board of the Region 9 School of Applied Technology.

Plant

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"I can't fathom what the problem is in just moving across the street," he said. "I'm all for it."

One neighbor who had concerns also spoke (because of a time constraint, comments were limited to people who had not spoken at previous meetings).

Laurie Windsor described a "definite consistent din of noise" from the temporary plant. She also said she was particularly concerned about what the hours of operation on Saturdays would be, and the possible safety impact on North Road recreational activities on that day.

Board Discussion

Material available for the board's consideration of the application includes an affidavit from Code Enforcement Officer Bob Folsom, stating he has received no complaints about the temporary plant since it began operating.

Other material includes information gathered from a site walk by the board in November.

In discussing that, planner Larry Engdahl chastised those with complaints for not coming along to study the proposed location. The public had been invited on the walk.

Engdahl said he had found the site to be "buried at the back end" of the property, "behind a fairly substantial berm and behind trees, and fairly distant from Wilson's Rips [a subdivision], farther away by a factor of two to three times what it is now."

But, he said, the biggest impact the visit had on him "was the complete absence" of the general public.

Another planner speculat-

ed some of the abutters might already be familiar with the site.

Cressy offered a list of topics of concern raised by the public. Included were odors, smoke, noise, spill containment, hazardous waste storage, emissions monitoring, storm runoff, buffers, enforcement of non-compliance, heavy truck traffic, impacts on economics, health, aesthetics and wildlife, and on property development, sales and values, as well as the mixing of residential and commercial uses.

Vice chair Jon Cowan said the primary concern "is going to be odors. People can't run away from that. They live there."

Cressy cited the town's Site Plan Ordinance: "The ordinance is quite clear: When the Planning Board determines, based on the project's characteristics and location, that odors will be a concern, the board shall find that the proposed development will not produce offensive or harmful odors perceptible beyond the lot lines, either at ground level or habitable elevation."

"It's going to be problematic for us to address that. The burden of proof is on you, Bruce, to demonstrate that odor is not going to be a problem. Unfortunately we don't have a plant in operation to look at. These approvals are based upon potential projects."

Manzer commented the board would have to "first establish that there is an odor problem."

He had said last week the visible emissions are steam, not smoke, and that asphalt is stored in sealed containers.

He also said until he decided to move his asphalt operation away from their property, the Douglass family had not complained about it.

Near the end of last week's meeting, Engdahl said in their review of the application, planners should remember the citizen concerns "are coming from people who are complaining, who have not complained before. This is a very subjective comment. It's comment about what might happen. It's not evidence of something."

The board will continue its deliberation at a meeting Jan. 12.

Manzer:

On Monday, Manzer said there have been recent environmentally-friendly upgrades made to the temporary plant.

During an annual inspection by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection in 2009, he said, the inspector had noted a generator was emitting "a little more black smoke that they wanted to see. It was not a citable issue, but they asked if it was in the plan to replace it, so we did."

And since that time a new "green" system that reduces pollution has also been installed, he said. The new system lowers carbon dioxide emissions by 79 percent; reduces fuel consumption by 15 percent; eliminates all of the blue smoke during the load-out process and as the truck dumps on the project; reduces the fumes and heat for paving

crews; and allows a greater amount of recycled asphalt to be added to the finished product; according to Manzer.

Regarding the lack of complaints about the existing plant, Gina Douglass said prior to 2010, the plant had not operated nearly as actively as it did this year.

"They never got up and running in full force until 2010, and then it was not pleasant at all," she said.

Manzer said the plant has increased production by 10 to 15 percent each year.

Augusta Plant

In addition to focusing on the Manzer project, Douglass said she has been reading about asphalt plants in other locations. She cited recent discussion in Augusta about an existing asphalt plant that has prompted concerns among its neighbors.

According to newspaper reports, neighbors and city officials claim the topography of that site, which is located inside a quarry near the Kennebec River, seems to cause an odor to drift and settle in the neighborhood under certain wind conditions. City officials have discussed options that include possibly relocating the plant or changing an ordinance to ban such plants from the zone.

An environmental engineer, however, reportedly said there are methods to address or eliminate odors from some industrial sites.

CORRECTION

Did not buy aggregate from Chadbourne—In last week's story on the proposal by Bruce A. Manzer Inc. for an asphalt plant in Bethel, Manzer said he had purchased aggregate from Bob Chadbourne. Manzer later told the Citizen he had been mistaken and did not make such purchases.

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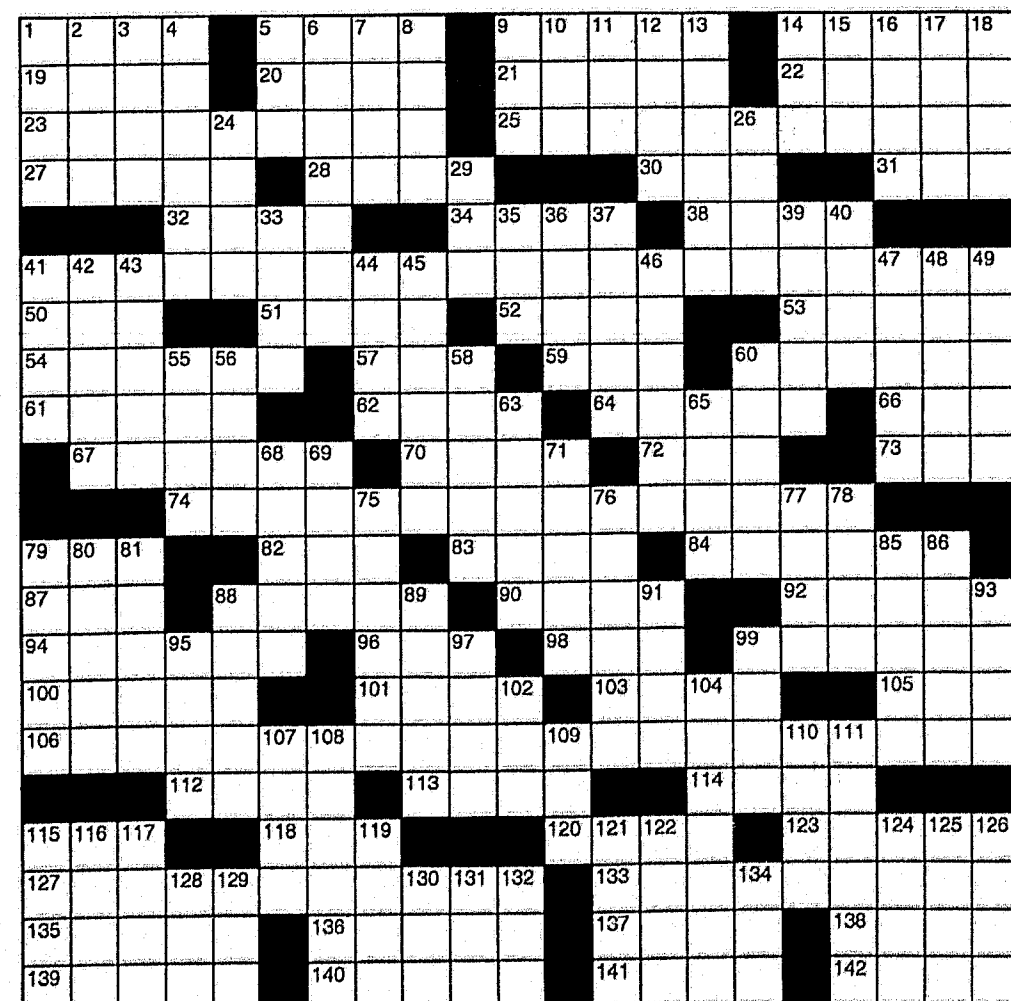
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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Christmas is on December 25th and has been celebrated on that date since the fourth century and yet it always seems to sneak up on us.

I have heard people say, and have even uttered the statement myself, "Boy, Christmas is coming awfully fast this year!" That is a sentiment of adults trying to balance time and money to be ready for the "big day." Both always seem to run out way too soon.

For children, on the other hand, the time until Christmas actually gets here is way too slow. Oh how I miss that childhood anticipation when every day leading up to the "big day" seemed a million hours long. I, for one, could certainly use a few more hours in each day to get done everything that needs to be done.

In reality, the "big day" takes the same amount of time to arrive as it does every year. I blame the illusion of fast time for adults and slow time for children on the commercialization of Christmas.

Considering that big box stores will have Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas displays in mid-October is it any wonder that children think it's taken forever for the "big day" to get here?

And, let's not forget that television commercials promoting the best deal for the season now start in early November.

While I'm on the subject of television commercials, let me just say that I am a

big fan of Christmas music, but hearing so many of my favorites rewritten and corrupted to sell everything from cars to video games really rubs me the wrong way. It should be against the law to rewrite "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" to sell reclining chairs. Sorry to stray off topic, but sometimes a gal just has to vent.

Every time someone asks me, "Gotcha your shopping done yet?" I cringe.

Now, back to the subject at hand, which is how rapidly or slowly Christmas is coming. For me, it is going a bit too fast. Every time someone asks me, "Gotcha your shopping done yet?" I cringe. I do not have my shopping done yet and have few clues on what to get for some family members. This is my own fault because I get a bit too caught up in the "perfect gift syndrome." Though it is nice to buy gifts that you know the recipient will enjoy or perhaps even need, but I spend way too much time second guessing what that gift should be rather than shopping for it.

Then I have two 14 year-old grandsons and one 11 year-old who think time has slowed down to a snail's pace, therefore I have all the time in the world until the "big day" to fulfill there

every wish and like a fool I try to do it.

I sure do miss when these precious boys were precious toddlers and I could fulfill their every wish on a pretty small budget. Now their wishes revolve around some pretty big-ticket items.

I know my grandsons as well as everyone else on my shopping list will be happy with whatever gifts I give them. I am the only one anguishing over what to buy and running out of time to buy anything. I've been anguishing over this ever since early November when the television commercials with mangled Christmas music started pushing electronics and video games.

Allow me another little bit of venting on that subject please. There is something very wrong when I see a commercial pushing the latest violent video game with Jingle Bells playing in the background. I guess I should be glad it wasn't Silent Night.

With a little over a week to go until the "big day," an eternity to the little ones, it should be enough time for me to do what I have to. There really is not great reason for me to stress out about anything. I love Christmas and I just need to relax, do the best I can and enjoy the season.

The way I see it, if I really need to vent to relieve stress between now and the "big day" there will be plenty of misuses of my favorite Christmas music to focus my venting on.

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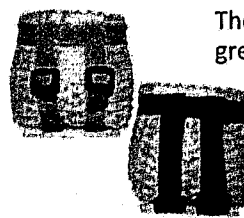
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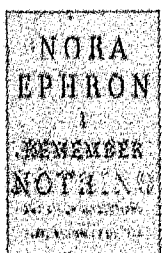


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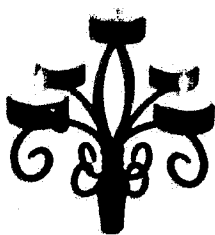


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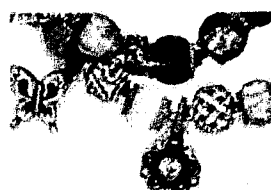


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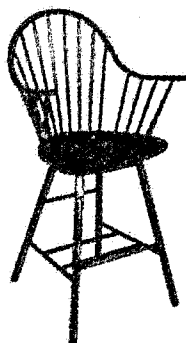


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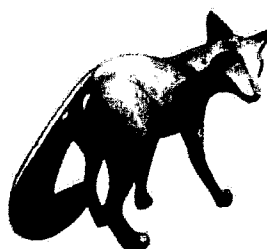


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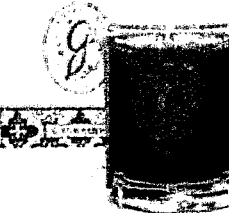


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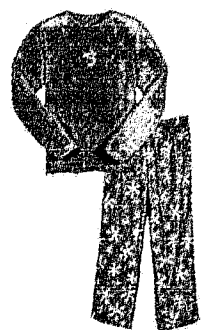


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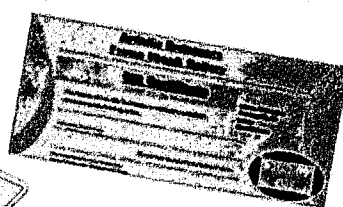


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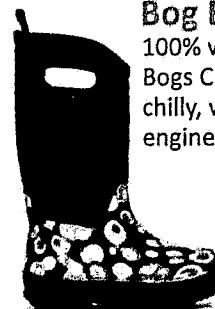


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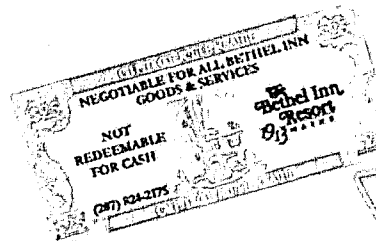


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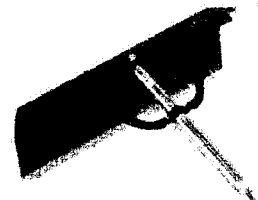


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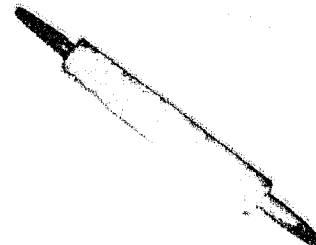


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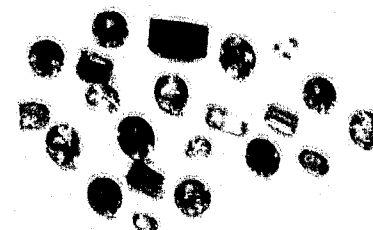


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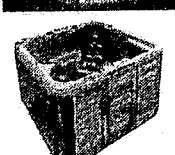
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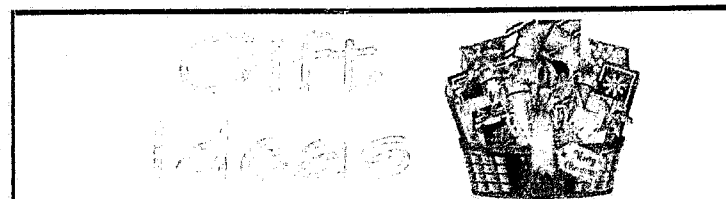
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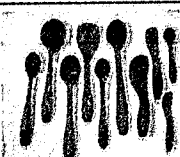
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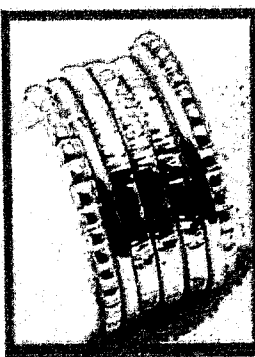
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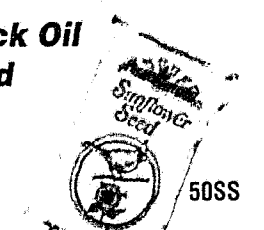
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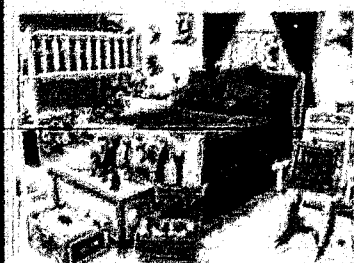
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Creative HOLIDAY COOKING

FAMILY FEATURES

Coming up with a holiday meal that will satisfy everyone can be a challenge. What will the picky eaters like? What can the vegetarians eat? How can you do something a little different and still please guests who look forward to traditional dishes year after year?

With the right ingredients and some creative cooking, you can overcome any of these entertaining obstacles. Using ingredients you already have on hand in unexpected ways can help create delicious and innovative dishes that can please any crowd. Peanut butter, a long-time staple in dessert recipes, can add rich flavor and variety to both sweet and savory dishes.

These recipes from Jif® show how to incorporate the fresh-roasted taste of peanut butter into your holiday dishes. For more creative ways to cook up a holiday feast, visit www.jif.com.

Sliced Ham with Peanut Butter Glaze

Prep Time: 5 minutes
Cooking Time: 10 minutes
Yield: 4 servings

INGREDIENTS

- 1 center cut slice (about 1 pound) fully cooked ham, sliced 1/2 inch thick
- 3 tablespoons Smucker's® Sweet Orange Marmalade
- 2 tablespoons Jif Creamy Peanut Butter
- 1 tablespoon water
- Fresh dill weed (optional)
- Orange slices (optional)

DIRECTIONS

1. HEAT broiler. Slash edges of ham slice; place on broiler pan.
2. BROIL 3 inches from heat for 5 minutes. Turn ham slice; broil an additional 4 to 5 minutes.
3. COMBINE marmalade, peanut butter and water in small bowl. Spread over ham slice. Broil 1/2 to 1 minute until lightly browned.
4. GARNISH with fresh dill and orange slices, if desired.

This holiday season, creative cooks can share original recipes using Jif Peanut Butter for a chance to win \$10,000 for a kitchen makeover in The Jif Holiday Spread Recipe Contest. From October 21, 2010 through January 17, 2011 consumers can submit their savory or sweet recipes online at www.jif.com. For recipe ideas, inspiration, complete details and Official Rules, visit www.jif.com.

Warm Apple Salad with Apple Cider Peanut Dressing

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cooking Time: 20 minutes
Yield: 4 servings

INGREDIENTS

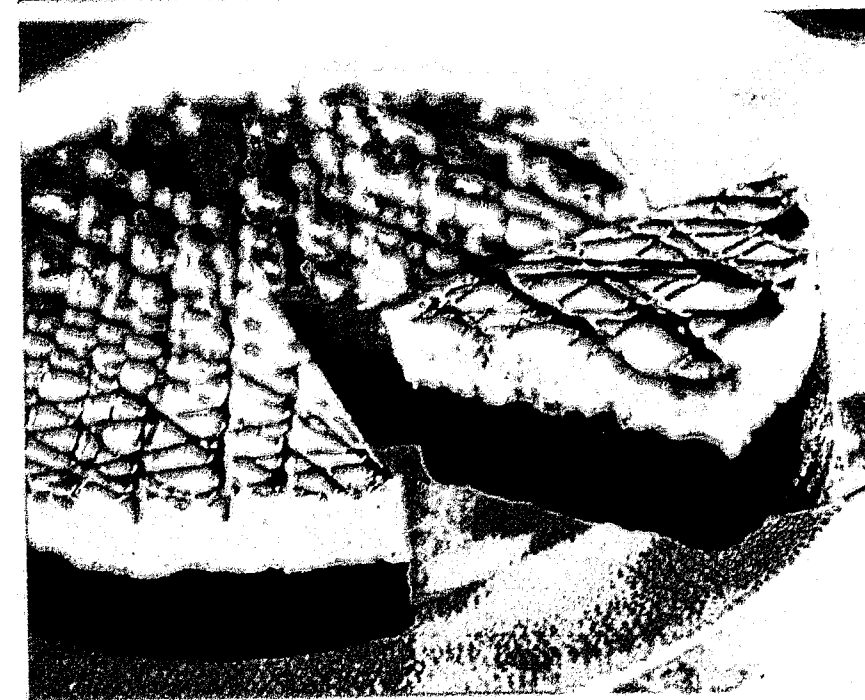
- SALAD DRESSING**
- 1/3 cup Jif Creamy Peanut Butter
- 1/3 cup seasoned rice vinegar
- 1/4 cup Smucker's Cider Apple Butter
- 1 teaspoon reduced sodium soy sauce
- 3/4 teaspoon grated gingerroot
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/4 cup water

SALAD

- Crisco® Original No-Stick Cooking Spray
- 2 Gala apples, cored and halved
- 1 5.5-ounce bag Spring mix and baby spinach blend
- 1/2 cup crumbled Chevre goat cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped red onion
- 1/4 cup real bacon bits
- 1/4 cup prepared candied walnuts

DIRECTIONS

1. To prepare salad dressing: COMBINE peanut butter, vinegar, apple butter, soy sauce, gingerroot and garlic in blender container or food processor. Blend until smooth. Stir in finely chopped cilantro. Place in microwave-safe pitcher or bowl. Whisk in water.
2. HEAT oven to 425°F. Line baking sheet with foil. Coat with no-stick cooking spray. Slice each apple half into quarters. Place apples, cut side up, on prepared baking sheet. Brush with Apple Cider Peanut Dressing. Roast 15 to 20 minutes or until tender when pierced with fork.
3. DIVIDE lettuce evenly on 4 salad plates. Microwave salad dressing on HIGH for 30 to 45 seconds or until warm. Arrange 4 roasted apple wedges on center of salad. Sprinkle immediately with crumbled cheese, red onion, bacon bits and walnuts. Drizzle with warm dressing. Serve immediately.



Double Chocolate Peanut Butter Supreme

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cooking Time: 37 minutes
Chill Time: 30 minutes
Yield: 12 to 14 servings

INGREDIENTS

- Crisco Original No-Stick Cooking Spray
- 1 15.9-ounce package Pillsbury® Chocolate Extreme Premium Brownie Mix
- 1/3 cup Crisco Pure Vegetable Oil
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1 large egg
- 1 cup Jif Creamy Peanut Butter
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons Smucker's Hot Fudge Topping

DIRECTIONS

1. HEAT oven to 350°F. Coat an 8-inch springform pan with no-stick cooking spray.
2. PREPARE brownie mix according to package directions using packet of chocolate-flavored syrup, oil, water and egg. Spread into prepared pan. Bake 34 to 37 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely on wire rack.
3. BEAT peanut butter and vanilla in medium bowl with an electric mixer until smooth. Gradually add powdered sugar. Beat for 1 minute. Remove outer edge of springform pan. Spread peanut butter mixture over top of cooled brownie. Chill 30 minutes or until firm.
4. PLACE hot fudge topping in small resealable plastic bag. Knead until smooth. Cut small corner off bag. Drizzle topping over peanut butter layer. Cut into wedges.

Moroccan Peanut Couscous with Peas

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cooking Time: 25 minutes
Yield: 4 to 6 servings

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons Crisco Pure Canola Oil
- 1/2 cup chopped onions
- 1/2 cup chopped red or green bell pepper
- 2 to 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 cups chicken or vegetable broth
- 1/2 cup Jif Extra Crunchy Peanut Butter
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- Salt and pepper
- 1 10-ounce package frozen peas (tiny deluxe, if possible)
- 1 cup unprepared couscous

DIRECTIONS

1. HEAT oil in a 2 1/2 or 3 quart saucepan over medium heat. Add onion, bell pepper and garlic. Cook just until onion is translucent. Add broth and bring to a boil.
2. WHISK in peanut butter and cumin. Blend well. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Add peas and bring to a boil. Stir in couscous and return to a boil, stirring constantly.
3. REMOVE from heat. Cover and let sit about 5 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Fluff with a fork; serve immediately.

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OCSD Bethel Patrol Log:

Tuesday, Dec. 7

At 4:42 p.m. Deputies Dennis Ryder and Mike Halacy responded to a verbal dispute on the North Road. No crime was committed.

Wednesday, Dec. 8

At 12:28 p.m. a caller reported she had pulled out in front of a tractor trailer on Route 2 and that the vehicle had passed her. She thought she had plenty of time and that the driver of the truck should be warned for reckless driving. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

At 10:45 a.m. a caller asked to speak to a deputy regarding a drug issue. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

At 2:03 p.m. Deputy Christina Sugars responded to the Airport Road for an alarm activation. It was activated by a decorative item moving back and forth hitting the building.

Thursday, Dec. 9

At 8:18 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Lovers Lane for a report of damage to a door and footprints and items on the ground. It did not appear anyone entered the home.

At 10:44 a.m. Capt. Hart Daley conducted a background investigation regarding a concealed weapons permit.

At 3:26 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to an alarm activation on the Mayville Road. It appeared a newspaper was thrown against the door, activating the alarm.

Friday, Dec. 10

At 2:16 p.m. Deputy Mike Parshall stopped a vehicle on the North Road. It was unregistered and uninspected, and was towed.

At 8:35 p.m. a caller asked to speak to a deputy regarding young adults making threats. Deputy Willie Nelson was assigned.

At 10:36 p.m. Deputy Willie Nelson responded to the Mayville Road for an alarm activation. Christmas decorations blowing in the wind had activated it.

Saturday, Dec. 11

At 12:54 a.m. Deputy Willie Nelson, Bethel Rescue and the Bethel Fire Department responded to the Walkers Mills Road for a report that someone had hit a pole and totaled the vehicle. The victim did not appear to be alert.

At 3:10 p.m. a caller reported an ATV problem on Mason Street. Cpl. Brian Landis was assigned.

At 7:51 p.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to Railroad Street for a report of a broken window and an item missing from the business.

Sunday, Dec. 12

At 8:44 a.m. a subject called concerned about the state of mind of a friend. Capt. Hart Daley was assigned.

At 12:50 p.m. a caller complained about being harassed. Capt. Hart Daley was assigned.

At 1:43 p.m. a caller reported a fender bender on Route 26/ Parkway. Capt. Hart Daley was assigned.

At 3:57 p.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to Route 5 for an accident.

Monday, Dec. 13

At 1:21 p.m. and 4:36 p.m. Capt. Hart Daley conducted background investigations regarding weapons permit applications.

At 5:10 p.m. Deputy Dave Hodgson responded to the Chandler Hill Road for a verbal dispute.

This report highlights points of interest from the Oxford County Sheriff's Department Bethel Patrol log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of OCSD activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations.

Bethel

By Nancy Brown

This week in Bethel a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline cost \$3.12, about 41 cents higher than last year at this time. The high cost of fuel makes it difficult for many people who need to travel this holiday season, but one way to save money is to do your holiday shopping locally. Bethel stores offer everything from clothing to gourmet foods to books. Almost every business (including restaurants) offers gift certificates or gift cards. Shopping locally benefits everyone in our community.

The Bethel Historical Society is offering 20 percent off all regularly priced items in the Museum Shop through Dec. 31. The discount applies to purchases made in the store and online. The Museum Store, which is located on Broad Street, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Thank you to the town of Woodstock for the gorgeous Christmas tree on the Common in Bryant Pond/Woodstock. It is a highlight of my drive home from Norway every night. If you haven't visited our local communities to see the Christmas decorations, take a tour on the next good evening. Among my favorites are the lights at Maine Line Products in Locke Mills, the Palmer home near the Bethel-Locke Mills town line, the homes along Vernon Street, and, of course, the trees on the Bethel Common and on lower Main Street. Thank you to everyone who spent hours (and money) setting up decorations and lights to make this a beautiful and joyful holiday for everyone.

If you missed the Geminid Meteor Shower earlier this week, you still have a chance to see the sky light up before Christmas, providing we have clear weather. A total lunar eclipse, also called the Christmas lunar eclipse, will take place the night of Dec. 20-21. The total eclipse, which occurs when the moon passes through the Earth's shadow, will be seen throughout North America.

Sky viewers should be able to see the eclipse starting at about 12:30 a.m. on Dec. 21. It will peak at about 2:15 a.m.

Usually, it is easy to take pictures of a lunar eclipse even with a small camera.

Astronomers are predicting this will be the best lunar eclipse show until April 2014. The eclipse coincides with winter solstice. Winter officially arrives in the northern hemisphere on Dec. 21 at 6:38 p.m.

Town officials are reminding residents of Bethel, Albany, and Mason that dogs over the age of six months must be licensed by Jan. 1. Fees are \$11 per dog or \$6 per spayed or neutered dog. Proof of a rabies vaccination is needed. A late fee of \$25 is charged if dogs are not licensed by Feb. 1, 2011.

At Stephens Memorial Hospital over the past weekend were Keith Bartlett and Craig Davis.

Have you seen the many wreaths on veterans' graves at Riverside Cemetery (about 150)? It is an impressive and heartwarming sight to behold.

Rick and Missy Young and Jane Young celebrated her birthday with a dinner at the home of her daughter and son-law, Kathy and John Marzilli, in Naples on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Do you have community or holiday news that you'd like to see in the Bethel column? Send it to Nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2483.

West Bethel

By Lorrie Hoeh

On Sunday morning, Mike and I and Jake walked across Patte Brook Marsh on more than eight inches of ice that was covered with just enough snow for tracking, and with the temperature in the 20s. After we got home, it began to snow, lightly at first, then in earnest. I knew that rain was predicted, but I shoveled the deck and walks anyway, not wanting to end up with slippery surfaces. Of course, the snow gradually turned to rain, then a heavy downpour, lasting through the night. On Monday morning, the rain gauge showed 3.3 inches.

Just about everywhere else in northern locations, and even some southern ones, there was snow. Lots of snow. Feet of snow. A glance at the

Patriots-Bears game in Chicago showed blinding snow and fierce winds. Meanwhile, here in New England, where skiing is a vital part of our culture, we had only water. Goodness knows what this did to the ski slopes. Not to mention that there is absolutely nothing for us Nordic skiers. The only snow left in our yard is two teeny-weeny piles left from what I shoveled off the deck.

Getting back to the Patte Brook Marsh walk - as I mentioned earlier, the tracking conditions were good. We saw the omnipresent coyote tracks, and also the unmistakable tracks of bobcat. Said cat had walked across the middle of the marsh, on its way to somewhere, probably in search of food.

Our old World Book encyclopedia describes the bobcat as closely related to the Canada lynx, but with a longer tail, shorter ears, and smaller feet. It has long legs and is usually about 15 inches high at its shoulders, and weighing from 15 to 25 pounds. Its favorite habitats are wooded areas and brushy ravines, and its favorite foods are rabbits, squirrels, small rodents, and some birds. Plenty of those around. We could use a bobcat to control our squirrel population.

On my Saturday morning walk in the woods, I spotted coyote, fox, and partridge tracks. I also noticed the beech leaves still clinging to the trees' branches. They'll probably be there until spring growth of new leaves pushes them off. It was gratifying to see a plethora of baby trees along the woods path - white pine, balsam, spruce, hemlock, and cedar - with the parent trees looming tall and stately overhead.

We are so lucky to have a mixed forest of conifers and deciduous trees. Even in the dead of winter, there is plenty of color, albeit mostly green, to be seen. Where I grew up in northeastern Ohio, the only conifers were ones that had been deliberately planted, and winter for the most part was uniformly gray and dismal.

Last week the Pleasant Valley Grange had an early meeting, its annual Christmas party, where a meal was shared and gifts were exchanged. John Applin said it was short and sweet, with folks departing early because it was too doggone cold in the Grange Hall. In January and February the meetings will be held at Ina Grover's home on the usual fourth Thursday of the month. Mark your calendars now.

Christmas cards, gift wrapping, baking, all await me. Better get going. Talk to you next week. You can reach me at dhoe@megalink.net or 824-2917.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman

We got a few inches of snow before the rain arrived around 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. Hugh got a call from his brother, Bill Lord, on Sunday afternoon. When Hugh told him about our weather and the snow, he said that it was around 80 degrees in Phoenix.

We are still looking for more interesting birds to show up at the feeder. We noticed a flock of Red Polls the other day. Mary Tyler said that she had seen some at her place also.

Our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, spent last weekend with us. Tim and Michele came to pick her up just as the snowstorm arrived on Sunday morning. Sidney was helping put out Christmas decorations when they arrived.

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by last Saturday to check out the work that has recently been done on the corner lot. This is the site where the train station will go when it gets here.

Lise McLain reports that her father, Gerard Dupont, is doing well at Ledgewood when she went to visit.

Joe Boudreau was at the town office Tuesday evening and said that his son, Joseph

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Hugh and I were at Rite Aid in Bethel this past weekend and noticed that there were several birds in the trees by Route 2. They were Cedar Waxwings and they were feeding on the berries from the bushes near the road.

Gilead Historical Society Doug Wilson and his crew from D. A. Wilson & Co, from Bethel, Maine arrived last Wednesday to prepare the site for the arrival of the 1851 train station. Along with Doug were Fabian Coriveau, Phil Rolfe and Raymond Buker. They dug the hole for a frost wall and Murch Concrete from Waterford, Maine arrived around 1 p.m. and put in the footings. They came back on Thursday and poured the concrete for the walls.

Ford Reiche arrived just after the D. A. Wilson crew finished digging the hole. It is through the courtesy of the Presumpscot Foundation that Ford established that is making this all happen.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz "Tis the Season ... " and thus I can already tell you about some of the Holiday happenings.

This Saturday Esther Wilson will host the annual family Christmas Party at her house.

Bettyann Hastings went to North Reading, Mass., for a "Women's Day Out." They (Bettyann, Celeste Hastings, Julie Warwick, Ellen Franklin, Cathy Hastings, along with granddaughters Jennifer Hastings, Kathryn and Summer Franklin) had figured out a wonderful day to have a great time together. They went to see the Rockettes and the day also included tea at the 4 Seasons, shopping at Quincy Market and a tour of Christmas lights. Sounds to me like a lot of fun and maybe more of us girls should do something like that to ring in the Holidays.

I am pleased to let you know that Tonya Hebert Lewis and husband moved back to the area. This was great news for her parents, Paul and Kathy Hebert. Plus, as Tonya just recently got a puppy, they now have two grand puppies. Quite the presents to

give your parents for Christmas, Tonya! Welcome back home from the whole neighborhood.

One reader wants me to write that he feels that the town should take better care of the roads in the east side of town during the winter. It is time again for all of us to remember and practice our winter driving skills. My Dad used to say, "anyone can drive fast, it takes more skill to know when to drive slow." So, drive safely, please.

I cannot wait to hear more about all the Holiday events and also more answers to the Trivia. Thus, as always make sure to call 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net.

Enjoy this blessed Season.

Upton

By Laurie Brown

As of Monday morning, our snow, which was about nine inches deep, is nearly gone and the mud is back! It's been so warm we haven't had to worry about getting cold feet.

Speaking of cold feet, "back in the day," folks used to sprinkle pepper in their socks. The irritation kept the blood perking down there, which prevented cold feet! If you decide to try this old remedy, let us know if it works!

The Sunday breakfast yesterday was very well attended. Members of the Ladies Aid had been discussing the feasibility of continuing the service since their original plan was to continue as long as they weren't "going in the hole" and they had enough volunteers to cook and serve. It was good to see so many coming both for the food and for the socializing.

New square dance classes start in South Paris on Jan. 5 and on the 12th. It's great exercise (for body and brain) for singles and couples of all ages and a great cure for "empty nest syndrome." Somewhere in Maine there was a private high school which recently made square dancing a math class, but I can't remember who told me that or where it was. Call me at 533-2111 if you want more info.

My co-worker and friend is a new reader to the Bethel Citizen and this column. Welcome, Kelly.

I actually have part of my Christmas shopping done this year and there are still 12 days left! Amazing.

Malcolm, Cody, and Garret McPherson of Rumpf came up for a visit last week.



CHRISTMAS FOR FAMILIES FUNDRAISER-Jackson-Silver Post 68 of Locke Mills set another fundraising record hosting "Christmas for Families Bingo" on Dec. 2. Oxford County Bingo players turned out in large numbers and opened their hearts and pocketbooks to help those in need this Christmas Season. The event was organized by Bethel resident Nina Wheeler, who completed her 33rd year organizing and working this event, along with Commander Wayne Hakala and Jackson-Silver Post veterans. They proved to be a winning team, as they raised \$1,400 in Bingo proceeds and another \$1,000 from pull-tab sales, raffle ticket sales and food sales. Santa's Helpers, Freda Davis, Lyndi Mason, Bridget Whitman and Leslie Cooley, assisted Nina. Commander Hakala and Jackson-Silver Post 68 thanks everyone who participated by playing Bingo, donating gifts and volunteering their time. Pictured: Ken Hoyt (Bingo chairman), Wheeler, Hakala.

Have a wonderful week. Selah

Hanover

By Clem Worcester

Things are quiet in Hanover. Folks are decorating for Christmas and at night there are lots of pretty lights to see. Others are off on great shopping sprees searching for the gifts that will be enjoyed by favored recipients. Down the road they go at inflated gas prices to Oxford, Berlin, Auburn and Lewiston, Farmington, Freeport, Portland and beyond.

Still others are shopping on the Internet for good sounding deals with high shipping charges.

It was cold for sure last week! Day upon day went by without the thermometer reaching 20 degrees. Howard Pond froze over (stay off the ice as it is not strong enough yet) and much of the Androscoggin River froze when temperatures dropped to zero or below.

Last Sunday it snowed much of the day before changing to rain creating a very sloppy mess.

Are you looking for the just right last-minute holiday gift? The 2011 hunting and fishing licenses are now available at the Hanover Town Office. While there don't forget your best friend needs a dog license before Dec. 31. The office staff hates to charge the \$25 late fee.

Newry

By Seneca Coriveau

Hello once again. I don't know about you but have been feeling a bit out of sorts lately. I have never been one to watch the news, or the weather but it seems that perhaps I should as a prerequisite to getting dressed each morning. Hmm, do we need the umbrella or the shovel? Who ever coined the phrase, "If you don't like the weather in Maine just wait ten minutes," really hit the nail on the head. Probably even would be sitting pretty if they'd been paid a nickel each time someone said it. One day its silent, the world muffled by the density of the snow falling all around us only to have the sky open up to dump buckets of rain on us to eat away our snow. I had finally accepted the white blanket outside my door and now its gone. What a bizarre weather pattern!

On Monday the Newry kids all got their hopes up that there would be no school. Cedar Brook Flats, in Grafton, was flooded over, stranding the school bus on one side of the Notch unable to reach Newry. Some thirty minutes later a second bus was sent to pick up the kids who were determined, or desperate enough to wait out in the weather for a ride. The bus driver had to detour over East B Hill to Andover just to get to school with the children that he was able to pick up. I really admire our bus driver, kudos to him, or anyone for that matter, who is

brave enough, skilled enough and patient enough to drive that route, down through the Grafton Notch, in the middle of winter with a bus load of kids!

We had the opportunity to take a ride to check out the flood waters. Who among you enjoys seeing nature unleash its wild fury? Come on now, be honest. It's pretty cool isn't it? The Androscoggin had blown its seams and was flooded out into every nearby field. At Newry Corner, behind the Trading Post, the river had surrounded the small outer cabins. They looked so minuscule standing in all that water. Bear River, much higher up had jumped the bridge across from the Newry Church. There were logs and debris scattered all over the bridge. When we came home, however, the water level had already begun to recede. In places the water had dropped some 8 to 10 feet. Awesome!

Has anyone noticed the decorated Christmas trees along the road as you ride up through our valley? Someone was nice enough to surprise their neighbor with the Spirit of Christmas by adorning a couple of their outside trees with garland and ornaments; I didn't notice if there were any lights or not.

Our family all love to ride after dark just to soak up the glow of Christmas lights this time of year. There is something quite magical about tiny lights twinkling in the cool night air, it just makes us smile.

The Living Nativity will be presented this year on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 5 p.m. This is a treat for the whole family as there will be live animals and caroling, angels and shepherds and the Holy Family too. Please plan to attend. If you've been there before then you know not to miss it, and if by chance you've never been then this is your year. Pack up the kiddos, or even just yourself, dress warmly and plan to make the journey to the Beth-

el Common for a new Christmas tradition. If all goes well, I plan to bring a couple of my Goatie Girls; they enjoy the show too. Hope to see you there!

Andover

By Melinda Averill

Hello Andover Friends! What a crappy weather week -- rain, rain go away -- this time of year we definitely need snow!

Andover's own Ross Swain will be in concert on Dec. 18 at the Winthrop High School. It is a concert to showcase the school's grand piano. It will be all piano solos by students and community members. Each performer will have 15- to 20 minutes of performance time. The show starts at 7 p.m.

There will be a rabies clinic at the Andover Fire Department on Saturday, Jan. 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. The cost of the vaccination is \$15, cash only. For Andover residents, the clerk will be available that day to license your dog. A late fee of \$15 will be assessed after Jan. 15.

Don't forget the kids' Christmas Concert at the Andover Elementary School tonight, Thursday, starting at 6 p.m.

Happy birthday wishes to Joseph Putnam on the 15th, twins Allysa and Hailey Akers on the 19th.

Enjoy the weekend!

West Paris

By Joyce Lamb

It is finally above the freezing mark. This has been a cold week. The Cotton Tops walked as they usually do. So far the roads have not been slippery. The wind has been biting cold. The many colored lights next door brighten the area each evening. My little ceramic tree shines alone in my bow window but lightens up my house a bit. There will not be any small children here for the Christmas season so I will not decorate a large tree for the living room as I used to. Most of the big family will gather in Auburn on that exciting day. Daughter Wendy, from Oregon, will fly in on Thursday to help me cook and wrap presents and visit with all the little ones.

On Sunday, the 19th, at the West Paris Universalist Church the Rev. Richard Beal will speak on "Venturing into Yule." Jim Burke is organist. All are welcome.

The Christmas Eve candlelight and carol service will be held at 6 p.m. All are welcome to join in.

There will not be a service on Sunday, the 26th.

Last week Marta Clements, drove me to Portland to see a specialist. The doctors and X-ray technicians were all pleasant and helpful and explained how the bones in the shoulder joints had worn. Hopefully he can fix them so I can get back to a normal way of life. Friends are so important and caring. Marta took good care of me for the day. Of course we enjoyed a nice lunch at Cole Farm's Restaurant.

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Muffin is getting more fussy about her canned food. If she won't eat what I put down it dries up. She gets only her dry food until the next day. She will still sit in my lap and purr.

Albany

By Sheila Dyke
Greetings and hello from Albany Township. What strange weather we have been having, eh? First, the very cold can barely stand it temps, and then this week-end snow and rain, with temperatures upwards to 50! Of course, our basement had to flood, so that always adds the element of fun.

We hope that everyone out there had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I know, I'm slow on the uptake here, and have been absent from my column duties. Mostly, we're either very busy on this end or nothing is happening so I forget about my deadlines. But, with Christmas almost upon us, things are getting interesting. This year is tough, and Dyana won't be home to celebrate it with us. But, we're looking forward to it. We hope everyone out there is doing well, too.

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

Waterford

By Rockie Graham

That was quite the rain storm we had. The yard was flooded and still the rain flowed. The sound was so loud on the porch that Tasha hesitated to go out. She preferred to stay inside on her bed. She is definitely fading these days. She tripped yesterday and was lying with all four legs splayed out on the floor. I gave her some baby Benedril and then she was fine, but, unfortunately, I believe her days are numbered.

As we approach the holiday break for school I know that school children are hoping for snow days, but me, I am not. For now, I am happy with less cold until the holidays are over. We shall see if we get that big storm they



SENIOR CITIZEN ROTARY LUNCHEON—The Bethel Rotary Club held its annual luncheon for seniors Tuesday at the Locke Mills Legion Hall. Here, Joe Shimamura enjoys a laugh. At left is his wife, Geraldine. Behind them Rotarian Kevin Finley carries a tray. (Photo: Carol Savage)

have in the Midwest. I hope not, for now.

Thursday, the 16th, Wilkins House, Plummer Hill Road, Waterford, will hold a community supper at 6 p.m. It is potluck so bring your favorite dish. FMI call 583-6677.

Thursday at 10 a.m. there will be an ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholic and Dysfunctional Families) meeting at the Waterford Library. FMI call 739-9115.

Saturday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. at Waterford Commons the library will have their annual Holiday Community Gathering with candle lit caroling. Refreshments and Santa will be at the library afterward.

That is all for this week. Have a great week, drive carefully and watch out for that virus.

Bethel native Chapman to perform

After a long hiatus from performing in Maine, Bethel native Sammy Chapman will be performing original songs Dec. 18, at the recently opened Tuckers Pub in Historic Downtown Norway.

Once having toured the country as a Hank Williams

impersonator and the bass player of a '50s show band, Chapman has no regrets about leaving life on the road to be a family guy. Even though he ended up raising his kids as a single dad, Hannah and Brady are still the most important thing in his life. Fatherhood inspired a treasure chest of tunes to amuse his children and their friends when they were young. The children's songs were so well received that the owner of a daycare center created a puppet to emulate her own daughter's image of "GeePaw," the main character in the songs. GeePaw was named after an old fella that used to meander around the town of Bethel. Even now, teens and twenty something's in West Paris where the performing songwriter currently resides, recognize him as the man who wrote their favorite childhood songs.

Sam Chapman started writing songs when playing a ukulele in the third grade and guitar by fourth grade. By seventh grade, music teacher, Mrs. Eypner, told him he had a gift and that he should honor it. A lucrative family lumbering business lured the charming performer to work in the woods. Then a drop thru an icy river while sky diving drowned the showman.

sic or "Friend" him at FB and share the tune with someone who comes to mind when you do.

Tucker's Pub is a renovated old tack shop in Downtown Norway that doubles as Creative Media by day and a listening room on weekend evenings.

Bethel Senior Citizens meet

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Dec. 8 at the Bethel Inn for their meeting and luncheon with 43 members present.

President Nancy Mercer led the salute to the flag and conducted the meeting. Reports were given by Musa Brown and Arlene Lowell. The door prize was won by Dorothy Bartlett.

The next meeting will be Jan. 12, 2011 at the Funky Red Barn. Meeting will start at 11 a.m. Reservations must be made before Jan. 10 by 12 noon by calling Caroline Gould at 824-3226 or Arlene Lowell at 824-2877. The menu is stuffed haddock and the price is \$10.

Membership dues for the coming year are also due at this meeting. Dues are \$3 and new members are always welcome.

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for the coming year: president, Caroline Gould; vice-president, Fran Head; treasurer, Musa Brown; assistant treasurer, Barbara Mahler; secretary, Arlene Lowell.

It was voted to send Androscoggin Home Health \$100 and also give the Rotary Club \$100.

The speaker was Randy Bennett, executive director of the Bethel Historical Society. He gave a very interesting talk on the history of Christmas and how it was celebrated in different ways. He also had a paper that was passed out to members, "An overview and Chronology of Christmas in America."

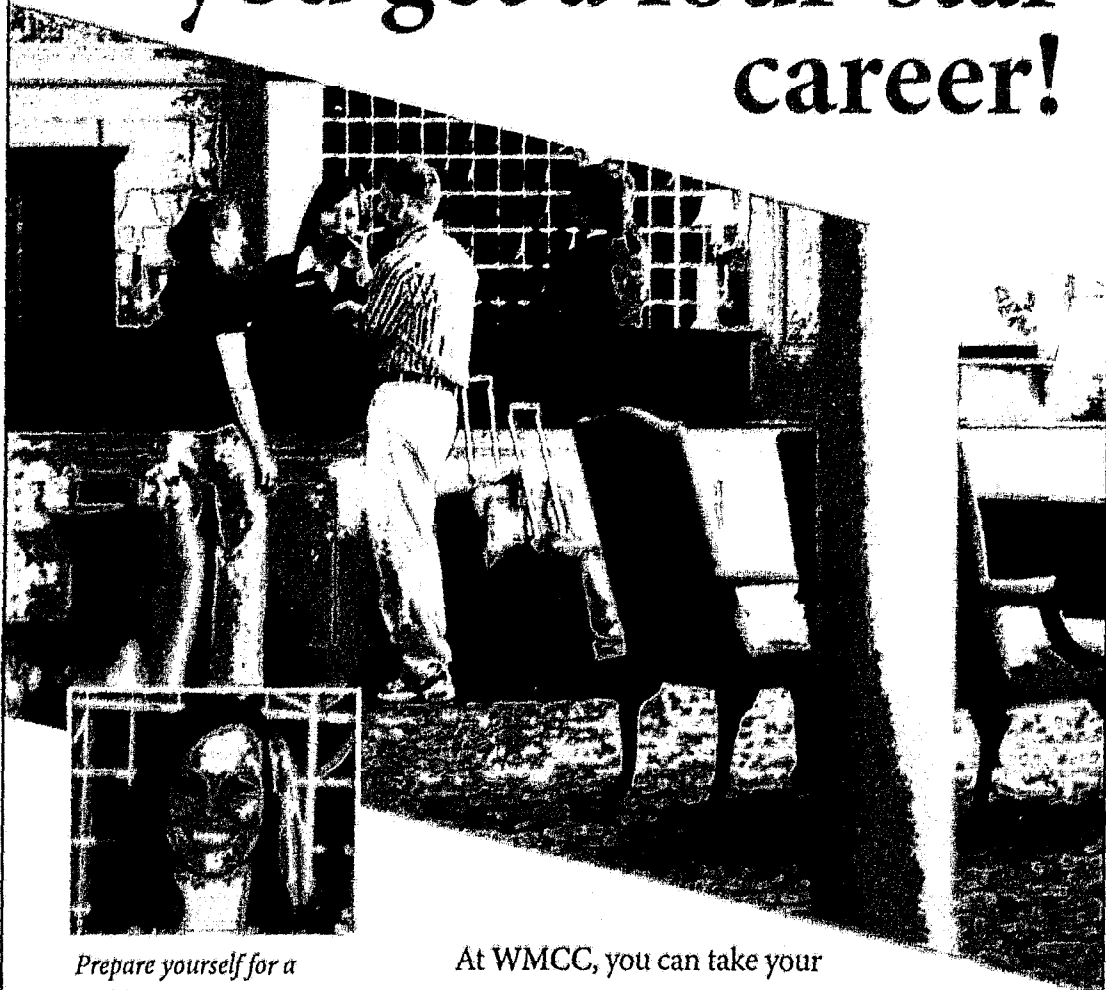
He read a passage from Louise Dickinson Rich's book "We took to the Woods" on how she and her family celebrated Christmas.

December birthdays: Musa Brown, Janice Cross, Caroline Gould, Alma Merrill and Mary Paine.



ALL NEW ENGLAND—Samantha Tibbetts on clarinet and Simon Smith on baritone horn performed at the Plymouth State Honors Band Festival this past month. Telstar was one of eight Maine high schools represented in this All New England Music Festival. The conductors for the festival were Brant Karrick and Vince Gassi. Both are internationally known composers of band music and have many published and recorded works to their credit. The festival bands shared the concert with the Plymouth State University Symphonic Band, conducted by Professor Gary Corcoran.

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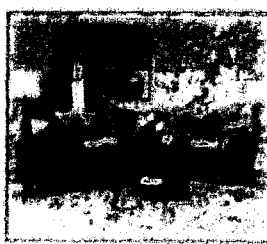
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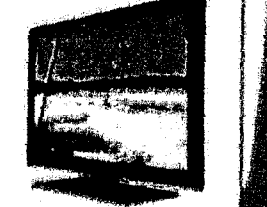
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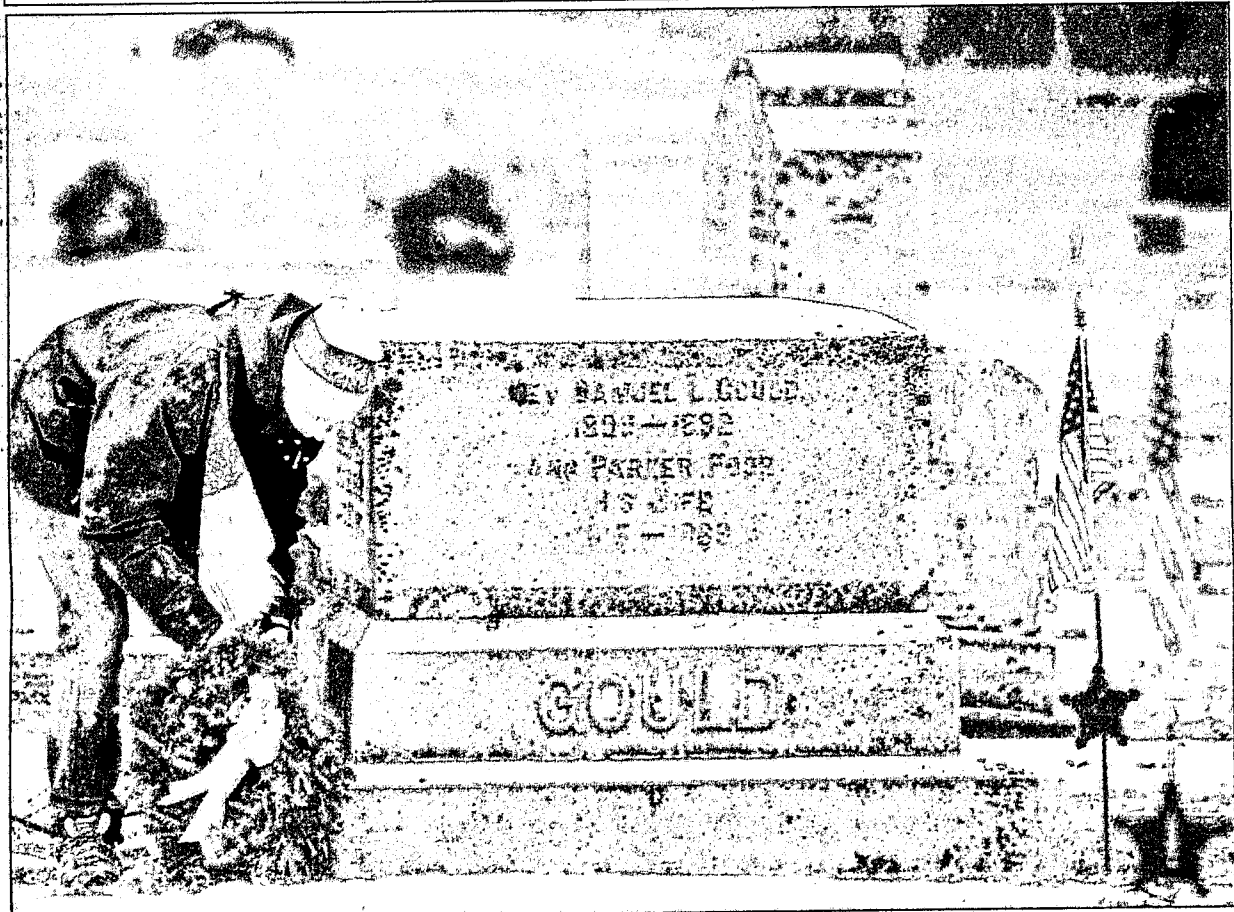
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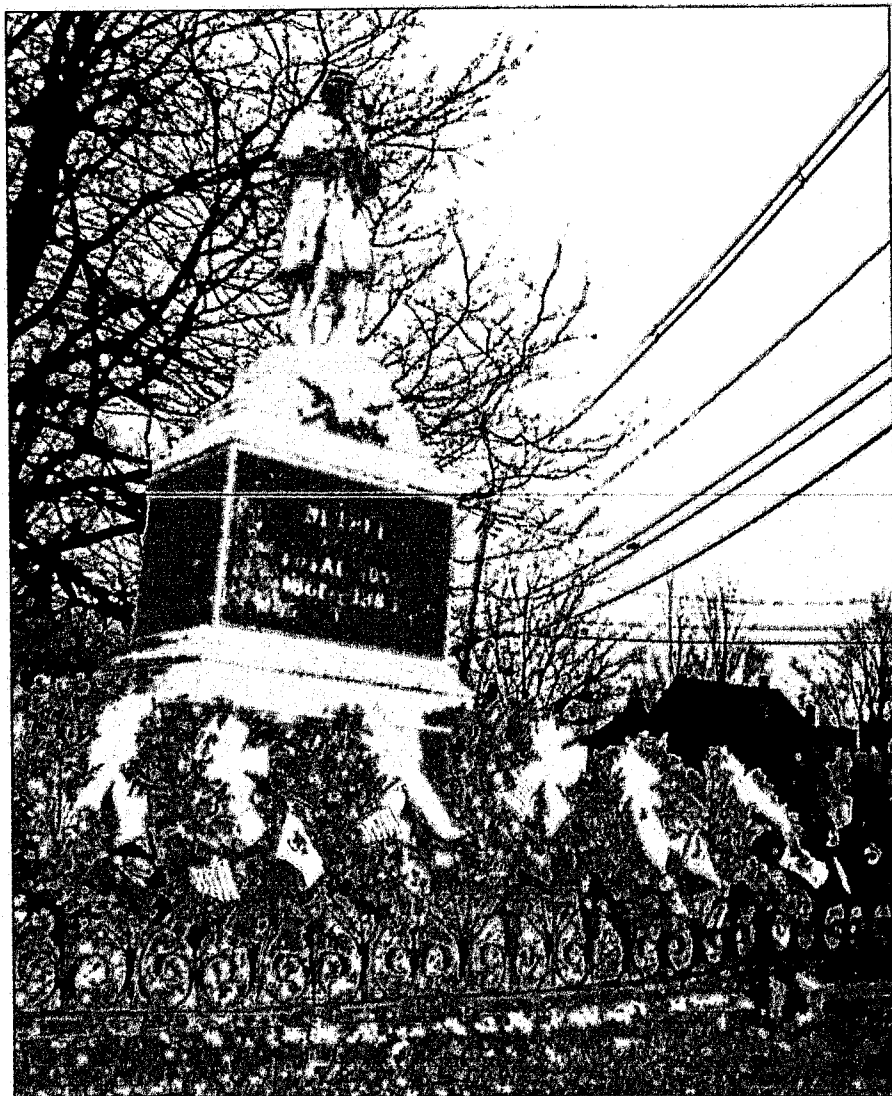
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Remembered for the holidays

Wreaths Across America comes to Bethel



The Wreaths Across America project, which got its inspiration from the annual laying of Christmas wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery, honored Bethel veterans this year at the Riverside Cemetery. Craig Davis of the Civil Air Patrol worked with the American Legion to find people to sponsor wreaths for \$15 each. A total of 150 were purchased, and on Saturday Bethel Boy Scout Troop 595 and Davis' daughter, Kate, placed them on graves. Wreaths Across America was formed as an extension of the Arlington Wreath Project, started by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester, owner of the Worcester Wreath Co., in 1992. Many organizations from across the country later decided to honor their local veterans in the same way, purchasing wreaths from the Worcester company. Worcester also donates wreaths representing each branch of the U.S. Armed Services, to be placed on local war monuments. Davis hopes to continue the project in future years in order to place wreaths on all 191 veterans' graves at the Bethel cemetery. Top: Scout Zach Stone carries a wreath behind the grave of WWII veteran Gardner Gorman; Dylan Richmond attaches a wreath; (second row) Marchelo Deluca; Steve and Zach Stone; (left) the grave of Revolutionary War veteran Eli Twitchell; (bottom) a color guard from the Mundt-Allen American Legion Post stands at attention as scout Orion Fournier places a wreath honoring the service branches at the Civil War Monument; the wreaths with flags representing each branch as well as servicemen missing in action. Other Scouts helping out were Owen, Bryce and Carter Richmond. (Photos: A. Aloisio)



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Mundt-Allen celebrates season

Mundt-Allen Post and Unit members and their families celebrated the Christmas season with an Oyster Stew dinner prepared by world-renowned chef Brian Strickland, and as an alternative selection; Lasagna was prepared by Pat McCartney. In lieu of exchange of gifts, members brought items to be included in a box for a needy veteran to help supplement their Holiday.

Recognizing that oftentimes our children's first educational experience begins with bus drivers, the Unit felt it only appropriate to pay tribute and thank the SAD 44 Transportation Department during American Education Week by serving coffee and donuts.

Communications received included a beautiful thank you from bus driver, Sharon Hutchins and from Steven Hurd, chief of voluntary services at Togus for donations of personal care items which the Unit donated to our hospitalized veterans.

The Unit contributed items for the annual Christmas Gift Shop for residents at the Western Maine Veterans Home held on Dec. 4.

One member spent the morning wrapping selected gifts and preparing them for the veterans to distribute, or for mailing, to their loved ones.

The Bethel Historical Society on behalf of "Paper Talks" Magazine asked that we distribute information regarding the publication of a magazine highlighting area veterans that served during the World War II era.

Any veteran, or their family, who may wish to participate in this project are encouraged to contact them at PO Box 219, Jonesboro, Maine 04648 or via email at info@papertalks.com.

They ask that a quality photo (original, if possible, which will be returned), and preferably in uniform, be included.

Requested information includes: the full name of the veteran; their birth date, place and parents names (including mother's maiden name); their hometown; enlistment or draft date; branch of service; Unit or Ship assigned; duties while in service and where they served; special commendations of medals received (not necessary but would like to note Silver and Bronze Star winners, Purple Hearts, Combat Infantry Badge, Distinguished Flying Cross, etc. including the certificate if possible); discharge date and rank; returned home and settled in location; career after the military; wedding date and spouses name; children's names and where they live today; and if the veteran is deceased, the date of death and last known residence. They will mail a proof before going to press.

Grateful appreciation was extended to all members for their donations and assistance in the reception following the funeral services for Stuart "Studie" Cross.

Special thanks are also expressed to the Bethel Foodliner; Brooks Bros., Inc.; the Funky Red Barn; C.N. Brown - Big Apple; Deb and Mike Martin; Polly Jordan; Linda Smith; Cathy Autrey; Mary Brown; Connie Lausier; Brent Angevine and Arlene Lowell.

If we missed anyone, please know that it was not intentional and that we truly appreciate everyone for their help.

The Post and Unit wish to express its gratitude to the Civil Air Patrol, especially Craig Davis, and the local Boy Scouts for the beautiful tribute to our nation's veterans by placing 150 wreaths in Riverside Cemetery and seven others, representing all branches of service and those still listed as POW/MIA, at the Civil War Memorial.

The Legend of Studie Cross

(Note: Studie Cross, known by many as "The Mayor of Bethel," passed away recently. A memorial service for him took place Saturday, and an article that appeared in the Citizen in 2001 was read. In memory of Studie, we reprint the story:

By REBECCA ZICARELLI

Each morning, Studie Cross walks into town. He's dressed in mirror-blue sunglasses, blue jeans, and a baseball hat turned back. There's a red bandanna under the hat, covering a hairline that climbs a little closer to the top of his head every year.

He stops to say hello to friends along the way. He'll chat a few minutes here, tell a joke there. Some people welcome him, happy to spare him a bit of their time. Others ignore him. Despite the rebuffs, each day he makes the trip, checking on people he cares about, making certain all's right with the world.

Part of his morning vigil includes inspecting projects he helped with. Studie is proud of the contributions he's made to Bethel; contributions he can see each day as he walks through town. He helped install the Millennium Sculpture and plaque by the post office, helped build the gazebo and fire-bell campanile on the common, helped lay the bricks by the Bethel Inn and most recently, the millennium bricks in front of the town hall. One of the bricks has his name on it.

"Where would this town be without me?" he asks.

Stodie has lived in Bethel all his fifty-plus years. While his face shows the years, his spirit is considerably younger.

When asked how old he is, he said, "Well now, I'm the oldest, my brother's the youngest. I was born right after my father came home from the war. I guess I'll be eight or nine years old on my next birthday."

In some ways, he still is eight or nine years old. He struggles with words, numbers and names. They flit around him like birds, flying just out of reach. But Studie thinks deeply about the things that are important to him - his family and friends, adventures he's had, places he's been, and the problems of the world.

"People don't understand me," he said, then added, "no, wait, it's the other way around." He struggles with the notion, does he not understand people or do they not understand him?

"I've been retarded," he said finally, "ever since I grew up, and when I was a kid. But that's not my fault. It feels like getting left out. People should treat me like they treat you."

"I try to do the best I can. The life I had, I was lonely. I live on an old country road, out on Vernon Street. Some says we were rich, some says we were poor. But that don't mean anything. I've got a lot of friends, the people that I talk to. Friends make me feel good. I take the time to say hello, and be polite."

Stodie helped his father, Stuart, and uncles Don and Norton Cross build Mount Abram Ski Area. "I helped build it from scratch," he said. "I was the guy who went down with a shovel, digging. I did everything there, pouring concrete, haying the slopes."

"I skied on Duane's Treat. I had Silver Wing skis. I came on down the trail, I was a fast skier." As he tells the tale, he looks into the past, reliving it as if it were yesterday.

The financial troubles that came to plague Mount Abram plagued Studie's life, as well.

"The family split up," he said. "They went their way, we went ours. It was money problems. It's a story people don't understand, and it tore families apart. Things are just wrong, sometimes, things in the past. I miss working with my uncles." He changes the subject then, to talk of fishing and adventures

in the wood.

"One winter I went ice fishing on Chamberlain Lake with my brother. I caught a fish about that long (he holds his hands about eight inches apart). I caught it right out of the ice," he said, and he shakes his head in amazement at the memory of fish swimming below the ice.

Stodie loves the Maine wilderness. He talks about hiking with his sister-in-law, fishing with his brother, camping with his folks. He remembers walking over Mount Abram and down to the Irish Neighborhood by himself, fishing along the way.

And he enjoys the usual forms of relaxation, like going to the movies where he sits in the back, and going to Hoot Nite where he listens up front. He likes his room at his folks' house. It's upstairs, he said, and he's got his own color TV.

Stodie also works in the music business, where he occasionally performs with Don Murphy, playing a bass washtub. "We're planning to do a song from the coast of Maine. It's a song about the ocean."

But the world, like oceans, can change, and not always for the better.

"When I was a kid, my mother took me and my grandmother to the train. We went up to my uncle's in New Hampshire. I like to travel. I still miss my grandmother," Studie said. "She's up to West Bethel, in Pine Cemetery. I go up to talk to her in the cemetery."

"I went to Massachusetts, too. I had a clubfoot, so I went to Shrine's Hospital in Springfield to have an operation. I escaped from there. I missed my family. But the law finally caught up with me. They wanted to know who I was, so I told them, I'm Stuart Cross Jr., from Bethel. My family came and picked me up."

Winters, Studie travels to Florida with his folks. "Last winter, I flew home by myself. It was the first time. I picked a window seat. We landed at a naval base, to let some people off. When that plane landed, I thought it was going to pull the brakes right out. It was scary."

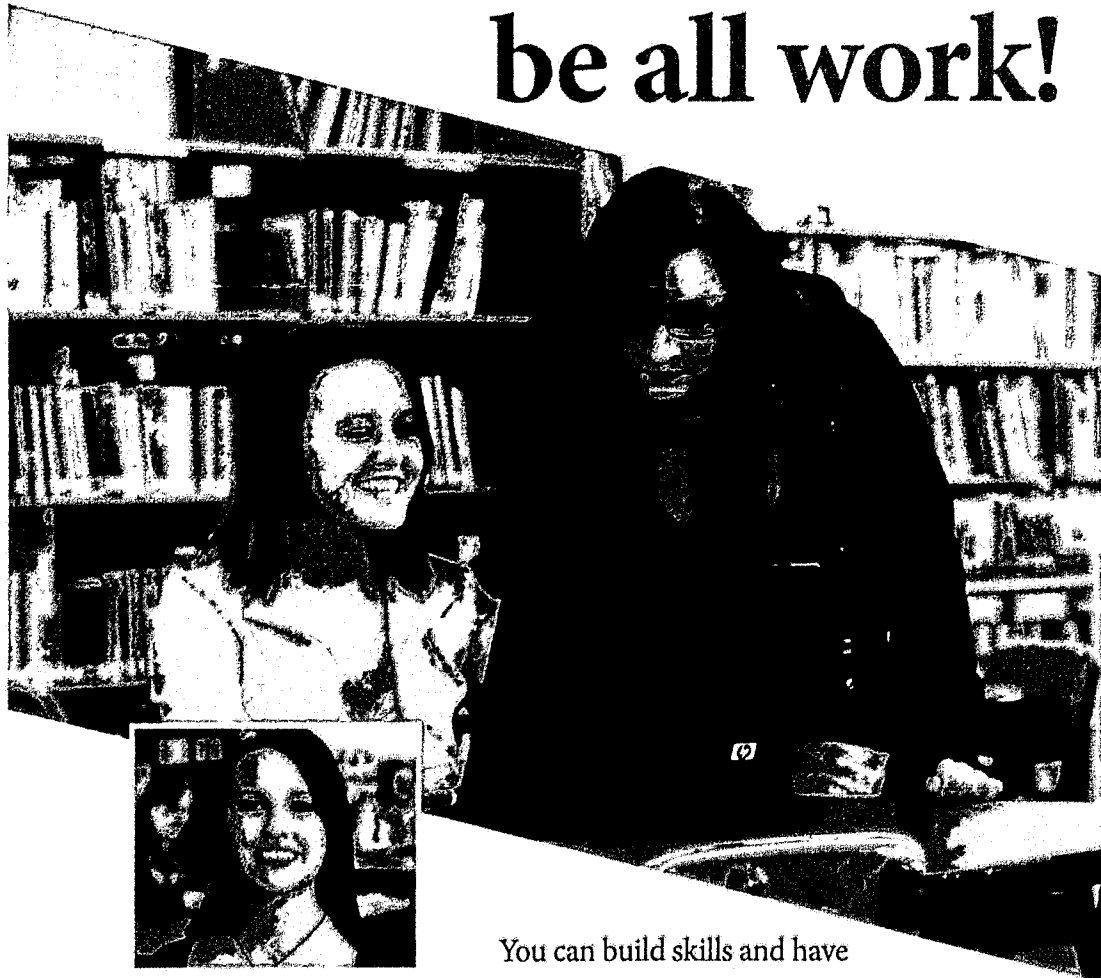
He'd like to fly again, to see his aunt on the West Coast and to see Oregon and Washington State and the giant trees there.

Stodie calls his story "The Legend of Studie Cross." He is a legend, living among us. A legend to remind people of the love of family, the warmth of friendship. He's here to help people wonder at the miracle of fish living beneath the ice and the thrill of skiing fast. He's here to teach the Golden Rule - treat others as you would be treated.

"In this world, sometimes you've got to go for it," he said, "but you've also got to look back, too. It's a wonderful world."



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Bethel Historical Society fund campaign, New Year's events

The Bethel Historical Society's 2010 Annual Fund Campaign, which continues through Dec. 31, is one of the most important ways society members and friends can help

continue the good work begun nearly half a century ago and now under way with renewed energy.

As plans take shape for the society's 45th anniversary in 2011, there are many success stories that longtime supporters of the organization can look back on with pride, including the continued preservation of the 1813 Dr. Moses Mason House; the development of a nationally-recognized publications program; the gathering of a unique collection of artifacts, photographs, and archival materials relating to western Maine

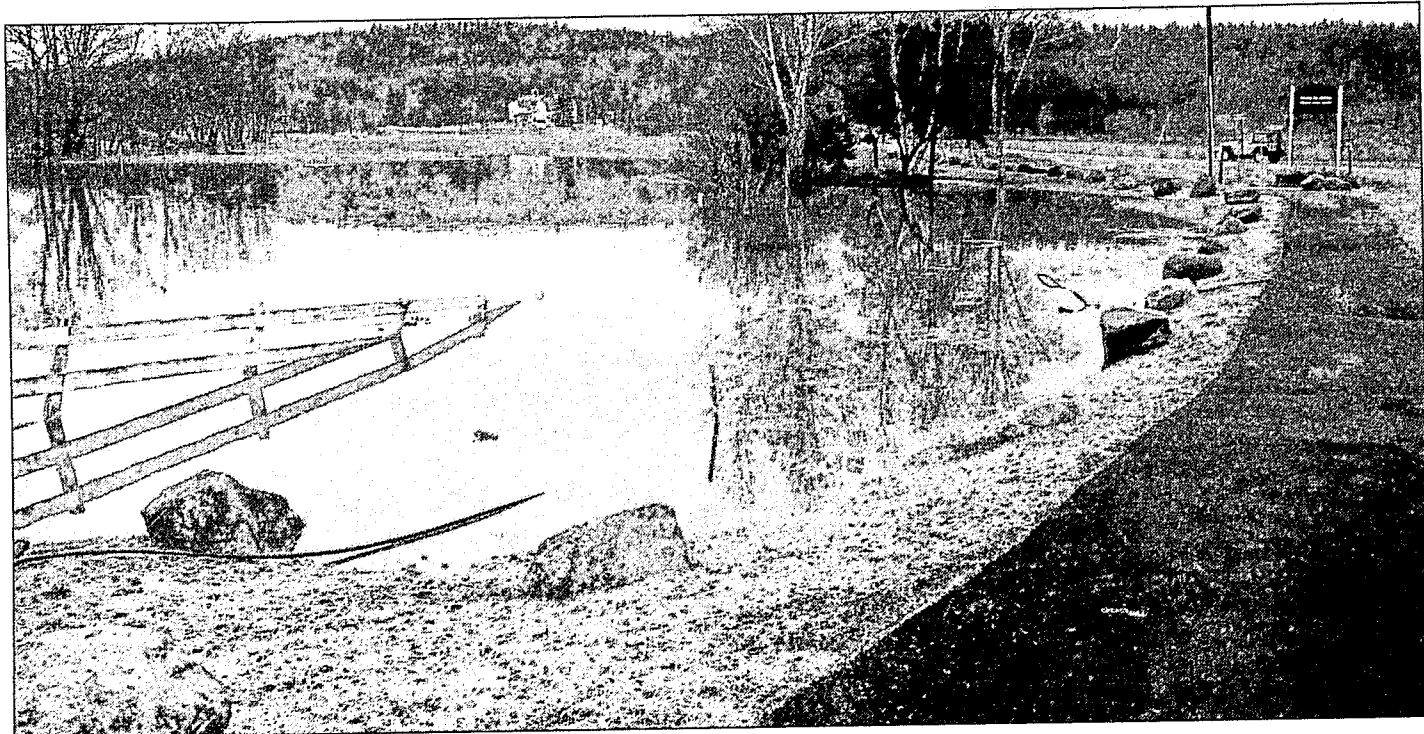
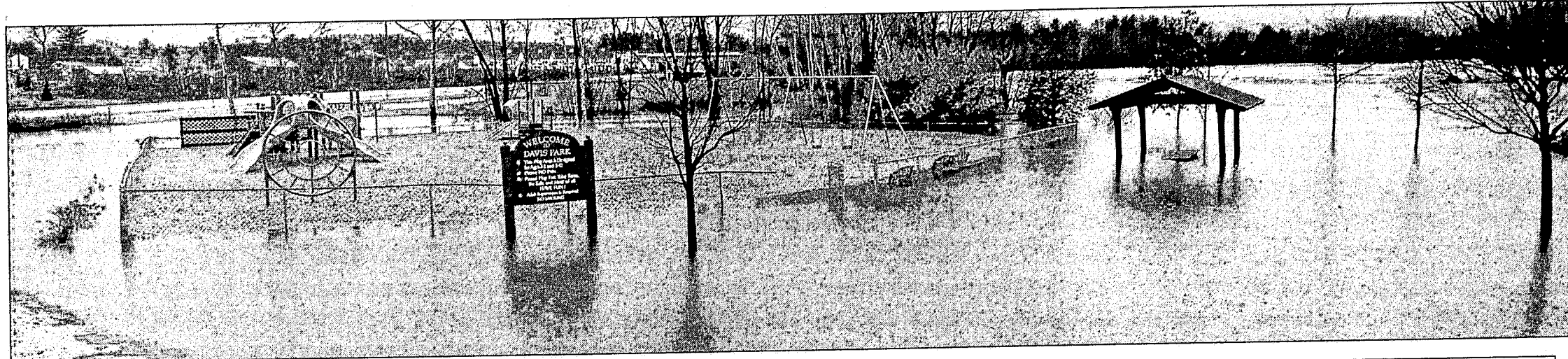
and the White Mountain region; and the presentation of excellent themed exhibits and well-attended lectures.

In 2009, generous donors contributed more than \$48,000 to the Annual Fund in support of the society's programs, exhibits and activities. This year's goal of \$53,000 represents a modest 10 percent increase, and donations totaling more than \$37,000 have already been raised. Tax-deductible gifts to the society may be sent to P.O. Box 12, Bethel, Maine 04217, and donations by credit card are also encouraged. For more information, please call (800) 824-2910 or e-mail the society's main office at info@bethelhistorical.org.

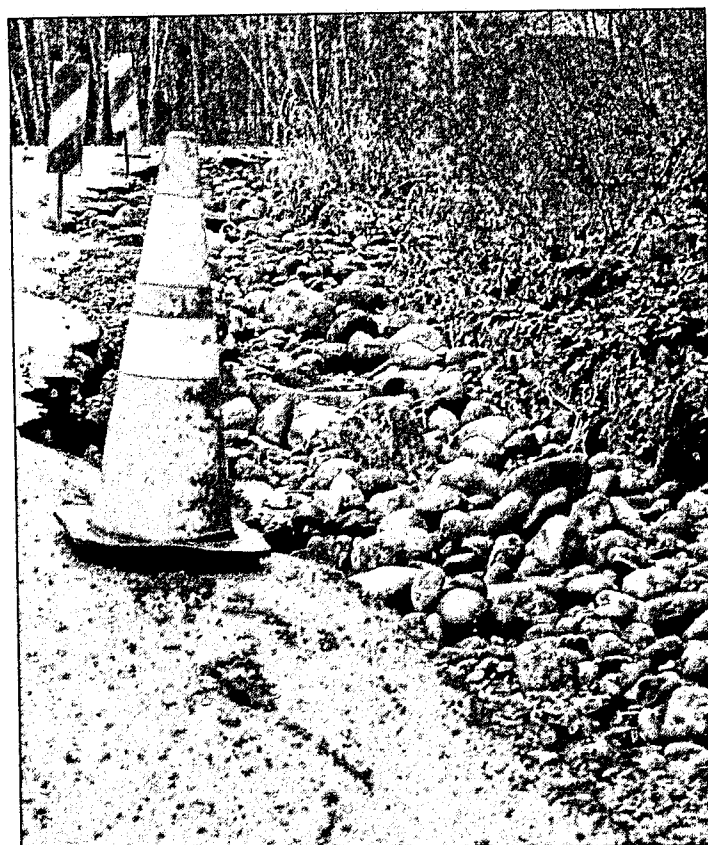
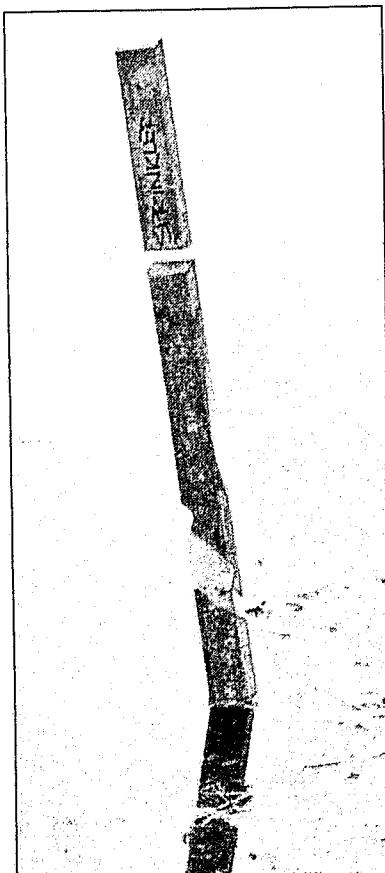
The society's 2010 New Year's celebration will take place on Dec. 31, from 5 to 10 p.m. The first event of the evening will be a community potluck supper, which will be held in the exhibit hall of the Dr. Moses Mason House, 14 Broad Street, from 5 to 6 p.m. Those attending should bring a salad, hot dish or dessert to share. Following the supper, there will be a dragon parade for children around the village common beginning at 7

p.m.; from 6:30 to 8:30 there will be a candlelight open house in the 1813 residence of Dr. Moses and Agnes Straw Mason. Beginning at 7 p.m. and continuing to 8:30 p.m. will be several performances in the exhibit hall by the Senior Players, followed by refreshments and a sing-along with Lynn Arizzi at the piano. An opportunity to roast marshmallows in the yard between the Mason and Robinson houses will also be offered all evening. The New Year's event is free, but anyone wishing to make a donation is encouraged to do so.

Finally, a 20 percent off sale at the Bethel Historical Society's Museum Shop continues Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through the end of December. Located on the first floor of the historic O'Neil Robinson House, the shop is well stocked with books, gifts and unique items for your holiday giving or for yourself. All Museum Shop purchases help support the society's programs, exhibits and publications. This special sale also applies to items listed on the Museum Shop page of the society's website (www.bethelhistorical.org).



REDRAWING THE WATERSCAPE
Monday's heavy rains drove the Androscoggin River and smaller tributaries out of their banks. Above, Davis Park in Bethel. Left, the new section of the Pathway near the Intervale Road. Right, a leftover construction stake notes the location of a (unnecessary) sprinkler near the Pathway. Below left: the parking lot at BIG Adventure. Below: a washed out section of Howe Hill Road in Greenwood. Route 26 near Grafton Notch was closed for a time due to flooding. Monday's rain was followed by snow on Tuesday and Wednesday. About two inches fell in Bethel, giving hope for a White Christmas.
(Photos: top, M. Daniels; others, A. Aloisio)



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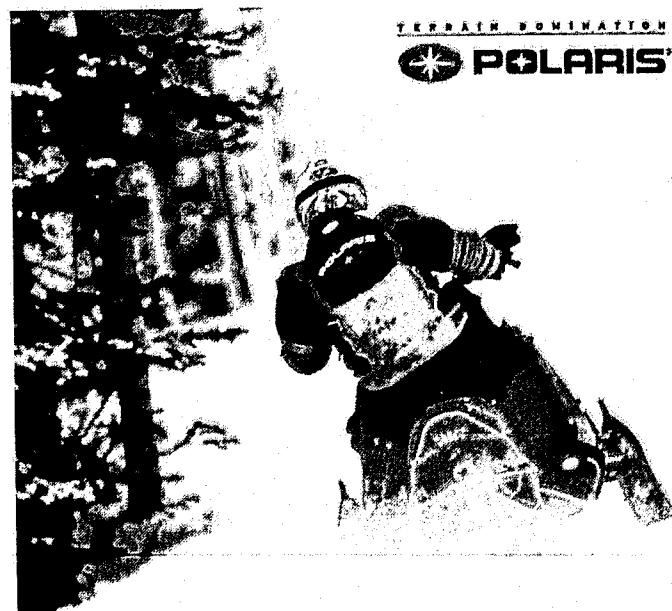
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Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 62 Madison 36; Dec. 13—Telstar's Corey Howard had 13 points, 12 rebounds; Elek Pew 10 points, 8 rebounds; Dan Vaughn 10 points.

Telstar 73 Carrabec 23; Dec. 10—Telstar's Ben Field had 26 points, 10 rebounds; Corey Howard 12 points; Danny Whitney 10 points; Dan Vaughn 4 assists, 4 steals; Elek Pew 7 rebounds.

High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Madison 57, Telstar 52; Dec. 13—High Scorers for Telstar: Nick Mills 17 points, Mike Delduca 10 points, Devon Vail 10 points, Dominic Haines 8 points.

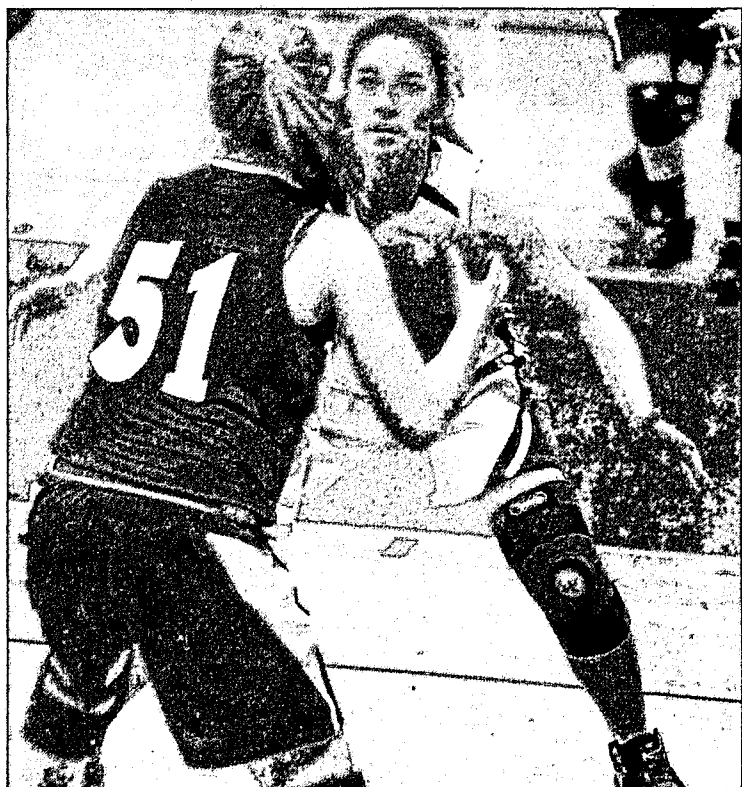
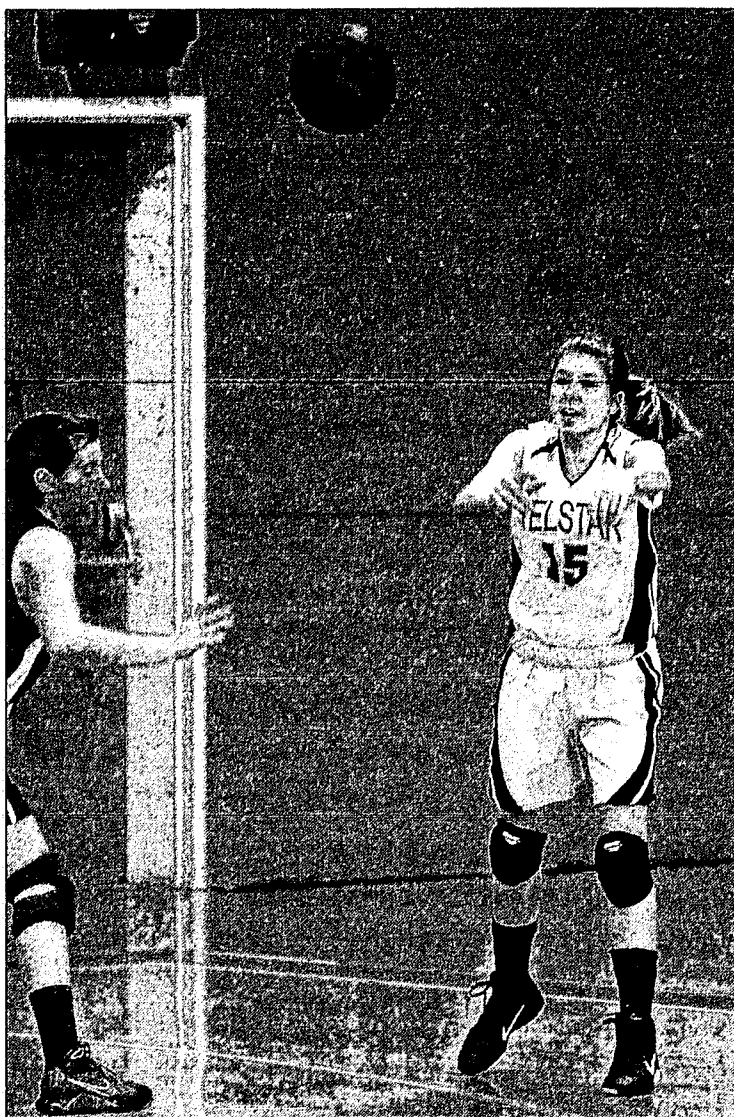
High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Madison 64, Telstar 19; Dec. 14—Telstar was defeated in their home opener to Madison in MVC action. The Rebels were led by senior Emma Davis with 13 points including two threes, 5 boards, and 5 blocks. Seniors Cheyanne Day, Nicena Walker, and freshman Maisey Griffin each had 2. The Rebels played hard defense and never gave up until the final buzzer.— Coach Mark Kenney

Carrabec 53, Telstar 21; Dec. 10—Telstar started their season on the road losing to Carrabec. The team was led by Casey Blaszcak with 9 points, Jenna Putnam with a 3, and 2 points each for Hali Barter, Emma Davis, Nicena Walker, and Autumn Morin.— Coach Mark Kenney

High School Girls' J.V. Basketball

Madison 41, Telstar 14; Dec. 14—Telstar lost to Madison in their first game of the year. Casey Blaszcak led the team with 7 points, a basket each for Maisey Griffin, Anna Saucier, Alyssa Brands and one point for Savanna Patenaude. The team played hard and improved as the game went on. Maisey Griffin and Anna Saucier pulled down many hard fought rebounds to help their team.— Coach Mark Kenney



THE RETURN OF GIRLS' BASKETBALL—The Telstar Girls' Basketball Team lost by a wide margin at home to Madison Tuesday, but the real story was that the Rebels took the court at all. Because of low numbers last year, there was no team. Top: Casey Blaszcak passes the ball; bottom right: Cheyanne Day maneuvers around a Madison player; bottom left: Nicene Walker guards an opponent. (Photos: A. Aloisio)

2010-11 Telstar High School Alpine Ski Team

Boys' Team

Mark Boivin (Sr., first year)
Cody Boivin (Jr.)
Anthony Dirago (Jr.)
Josh Head (Jr.)
Tyler James (So.)

Girls' Team

Morgan Lee (Sr., captain)
Grace Stover (Sr., first year)
Rose Wright (Sr., first yr.)
Rachel Wheeler (So.)
Ashley Conkright (So., first yr.)

For the girls it's a rebuilding season and may be full of surprises. With the graduation of Sam Largess and T.J. Cowin, who anchored the team for four years, the door is open for the new girls to step up and help Lee and Wheeler uphold the Telstar girls winning traditions.

In 2010 the girls won the Alpine portion of the Mountain Valley Conference Championships and the Class C State Alpine Championships (for the fourth year in a row). That's a tough act to repeat. At MVC's they will face traditionally strong teams from Mountain Valley and Mt. Abram. At States the door is open for all the teams.

We are looking for faster performances this year from the boys. With the loss of only one senior, Gavin Lee, the rest of the team is a year older, physically bigger and stronger and it will be a great season for them. We are counting on Cody Boivin to set the pace with great results this season and for Dirago, Head and James to be in fast pursuit of him.

Telstar is currently working hard on dryland conditioning and will be on snow earlier than most teams, which is something we will use to our advantage. — Coach Annie Reis

School Lunch

Week of Dec. 20

Telstar Lunches

Monday: Homemade chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwich, 2 cook's hot sandwiches, pizza choices.
Tuesday: Baked Potato Bar, meat and veggie choices, baked beans, chicken patty/bun, pizza choices.
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Thursday: Vacation
Friday: Vacation
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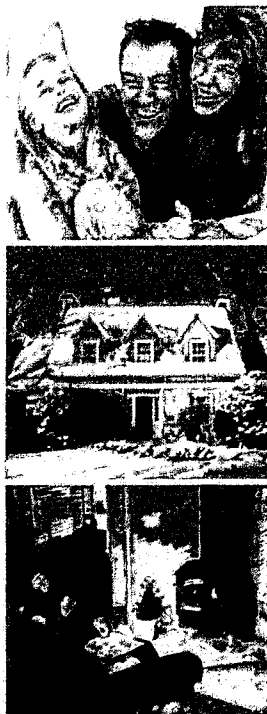
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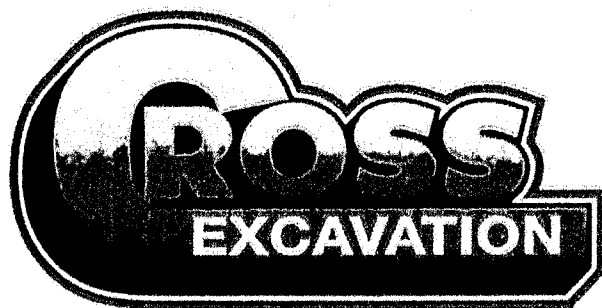
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Community Calendar

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Thursday, Dec. 16
6 p.m. - **Holiday Concert** at Andover Elementary School.
6 p.m. - **Community Supper** at Wilkins Community House, Plummer Hill Road, Waterford. Bring favorite dish to share. FMI: 583-6677.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 16, 17, 18
7 p.m. Thurs./Fri.-2 p.m. Sat. - **A Christmas Carol** (Charles Dickens holiday classic) presentation by Telstar High School Theater Department at Helen C. Berry Auditorium. Admission free. Donations accepted. Refreshments available. FMI: 824-2136.

Oddfellow Theater, Buckfield, presents Bah Hoonchbach a Very Odd Christmas Carol 7:30 p.m. on the 16th, 17th, 18th with matinees on the 18th and 19th at 2 p.m. Tickets: matinees \$8 all ages; evenings \$14 adults, \$12 seniors, \$8 children 12 and under. FMI and tickets: 336-3306 or visit www.oddfellow.com

Friday, Dec. 17
5 to 7 p.m. - **One Woman's Journey**, the art of **Jane Porter Gibson** opening reception at West Paris Library. FMI: 674-2004.
7 p.m. - **Art Moves Holiday Show** in Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School auditorium. Advance tickets \$5 on sale Dec. 1 available at Books 'n Things, Norway. FMI: 743-5569.

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17 and 18
17 (6:45 p.m.), 18 (10:45 a.m.) - **Forestdale Christian School** (grades K-8) presents cantata entitled "The Christmas Party - The Backyard Bunch" at Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church, 43 Perkins Valley Road, Bryant Pond.

Saturday, Dec. 18
7 p.m. - **Waterford Library Holiday Community Gathering** on Waterford Common with candle lit caroling. Refreshments at library after. Santa will be there for the children.

Dec. 18 and 31
7 to 10 p.m. Dec. 10, 18 - **Jones Dance Band** at South Paris Legion Hall (adults \$5). Friday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve dance and buffet (\$15 single/\$30 couple) 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. For New Year's reservation call Betty Decoteau (743-7965).

Sunday, Dec. 19

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **WinterKids celebrates Cooper Campbell Day** at Shawnee Peak Bridgton. Families to enjoy music, fun games, prizes, silent auction, etc. Gov. Baldacci joins Steve Campbell and representatives from WinterKids for remarks at 12:15 p.m. FMI: visit www.winterkids.org.
1 to 4 p.m. - **Lovell Historical Society Christmas Open House**, at Kimball-Stanford House, corner Route 5 and Old Stage Road (across from Lake Kezar Country Club), Lovell. Raffle drawing Sunday, 3 p.m. FMI or to purchase raffle tickets: 925-3234 (may be purchased that day), or visit lovellhistoricalsociety.org.
2 p.m. - **Finnish-American Society of Maine**, 8 Maple Street, West Paris, presentation by Cynthia Immonen "How Christmas Came to New England." Public invited. Coffee social following.
4 p.m. - **Annual Christmas Cantata**, "Rise Up! A New Light A Comin'" will be held at Locke Mills Union Church with Bev Melville, director, and mixed choir from area churches. Refreshments by Ladies Circle. Everyone welcome.
5 p.m. - **The Living Nativity** with local people and live animals at Bethel village common. Dress warm. FMI: 824-2289. Following the Living Nativity there will be Christmas cookie decorating and hot cocoa for kids of all ages at Bethel Nazarene Church, Church Street.

Monday, Dec. 20
10 a.m. - **Maine Educational Opportunity Center** free workshops, Essentials of College Planning at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. FMI or register: (800) 281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>

Tuesday, Dec. 21
7 p.m. - **13th annual Winter Concert** presented by Telstar High/Middle School Music Department at Helen Berry Auditorium. Admission free; donations always welcome.

Wednesday, Dec. 22
7 p.m. - **Blue Christmas Service**, ecumenical service led by the Rev. Virginia Rickeman and the Rev. Carol Stevens at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Join with others and acknowledge "blue" feelings we have at Christmas, the reasons for them, and offer them to God.

Friday, Dec. 24
4 p.m. - **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** at Bethel United Methodist Church, 79 Main Street, Bethel.
7 p.m. - **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** at

Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Road. Joint service with Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Wednesday, Dec. 29
4:30 - 6:30 p.m. - **Community Supper** (no charge) at Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Road. Call 824-2289 for more information.

Friday, Dec. 31
5 to 10 p.m. - **New Year's at Bethel Historical Society**: 5-6:30 potluck supper, 6 dragon parade for children, 6:30-8:30 candlelight open house at Moses Mason house, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Senior Players perform, 8:30-9:30 refreshments and sing-a-long. Marshmallow roasting all evening in yard between Mason and Robinson houses. Free donations accepted. FMI: 824-2908 or e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org.
8 p.m. - **Battle of the Bands** (Monsta vs. Hooligans) at Black Mountain, Rumford. Doors open 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 4 and 5
7 p.m. - **Adele Myers and Dancers**, hosted by Mahoosuc Arts Council as part of Gould Academy's Performing Arts Series at Bingham Auditorium on Jan. 4. The troupe will perform at Telstar Regional Middle and High schools and for area home-schooled and district charter school students on Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. at Telstar Helen Berry Auditorium. Tickets: \$10 adults/\$6 children and seniors. FMI: 824-3575 or e-mail info@mahoosucarts.org or visit www.mahoosucarts.org

Mondays, Jan. 3, 24 and Tuesday, Jan. 11
10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** free workshops hosted by The Maine Educational Opportunity Center. Jan. 3 and 24 at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street and Tuesday, Jan. 11, at Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street. To register and FMI: (800) 281-3703 or visit <http://meoc.maine.edu>

Jan. 10, Feb. 22, March 15
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Healthcare Provider Re-Certification** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building. FMI: Patty 672-4460 or pluked@yahoo.com

Wednesday, Jan. 12
11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** meeting/dinner at Funky Red Barn, Bethel. Reservations must be made before noon on Jan. 10 by calling Caroline Gould at 824-3226 or Arlene Lowell at 824-2877. Menu: stuffed haddock (\$10). Membership dues (\$3) due at this meeting. New members always welcome.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Municipal

Bethel selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 a.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Newry selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4 p.m., Town Office.

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the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

Organizations

Andover
Mondays, **TOPS Program** in Andover at First Congregational Church. Weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m. meetings 6 to 6:30 p.m. Annual Tops membership: \$26. FMI: Tina (557-8804) or Sharon (392-4351).

Bethel
First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—**Bethel Snow Twisters** at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.—**Meditation and more with Mountain Heart Sangha**, mindfulness community practicing awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love in tradition of Zen Buddhist Teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Café DiCocoa. FMI: Cynthia Handlen

671-1532 or Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com. All welcome.

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.—**TOPS** at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m.—**Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine** meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.—**Story Time for Children at Bethel Library** (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

Woodstock
Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—**Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

West Paris
Sundays: 2 to 4 p.m. Open House at **Finnish-American Heritage Center**, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Public invited. Museum, gift shop, library open.

Norway/Paris
Mondays 6:30 p.m.—**Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005

SUPPORT SERVICES

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT
AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH
Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP
Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS
Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES
District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4 pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS
Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9a-5p. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS
Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in

social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES
Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (763-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES
Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

LIBRARY HOURS

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

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Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernando Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.
Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - Rev. Chuck Mason, 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. For information or if you need a ride or have a prayer request: 824-4028.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3932

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Carol Stevens, Pastor. 9 a.m. Sunday Worship. Bible Study, 1 p.m. Wednesday. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Small group Bible study, Tuesday 6pm; Awana Club (3-6 grades), Sunday 5-7 pm. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2851.
Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry: Interdenominational worship with the Rev. Don Coverdale, seasonal Christmas Eve through Easter. Sunday 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at White Cap, on the second floor. For more information, 824-5896 (recording).

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ,

Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/ Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824.4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singspiration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more info.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass.
Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabus Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave., The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 4 pm; Sunday Mass, 9:30 am; Weekday Mass, 8 a.m. Office 364-4556.

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. 986 Prospect Ave. Adult and teen Sunday school 9am. Sunday worship service at 10am and 6pm. Wednesday night bible study 6:45 pm. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

West Paris Baptist

- Sunday Worship 9:15 am., Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am, Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m.; Monday Diaconette meeting first Monday of the month; Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Tea & Toys Time Bi-Weekly 9:30-11:30am, Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm, church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodgkins, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade, 6:30pm

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-8669 FMI.

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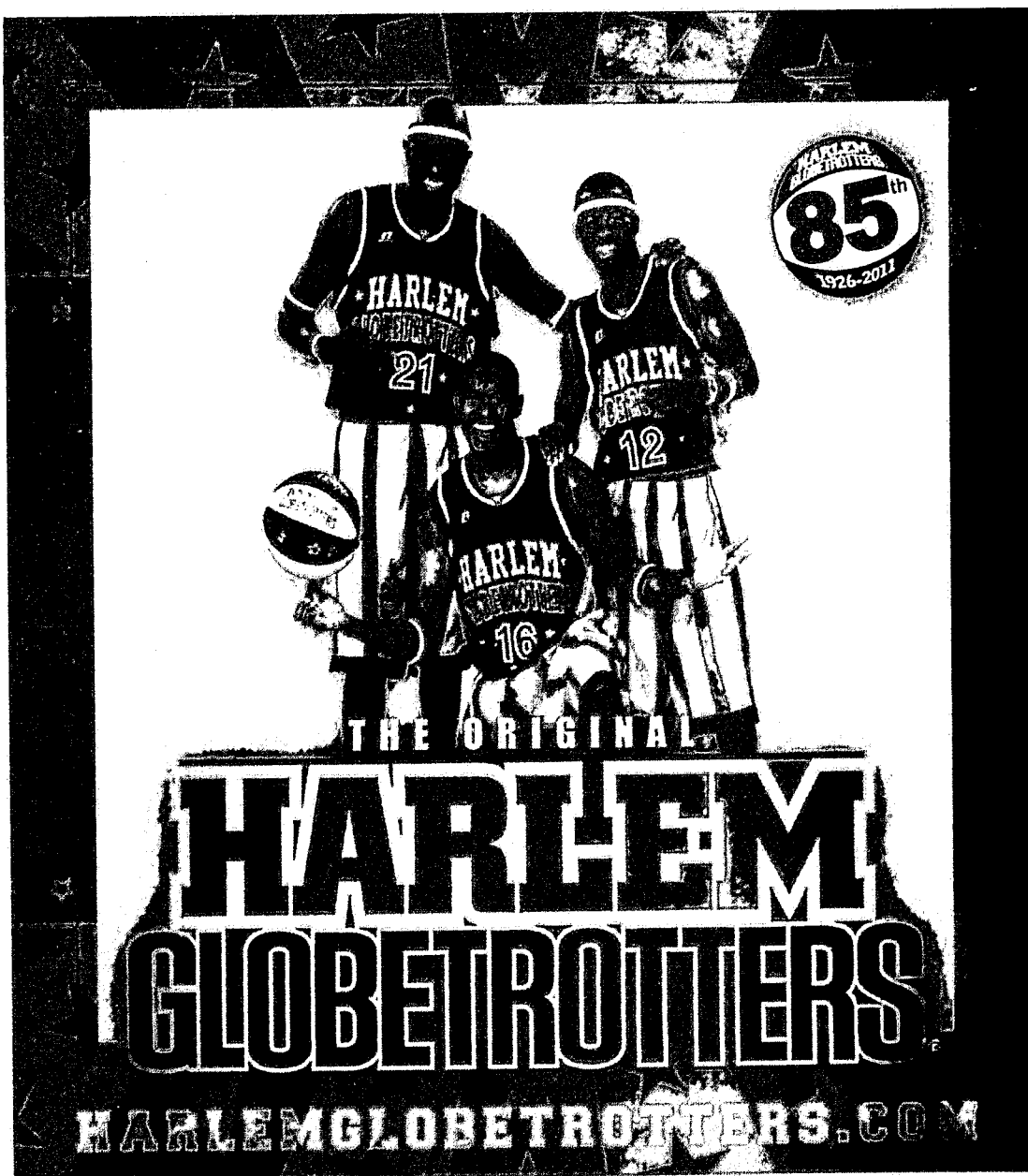
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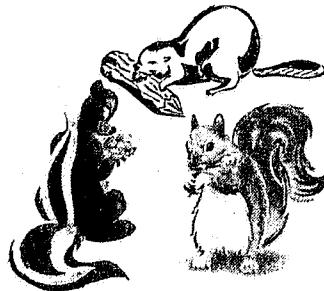
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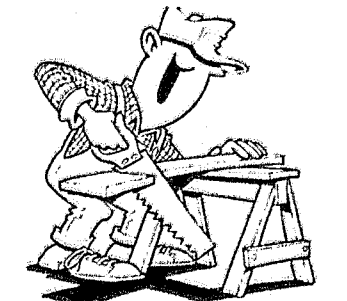
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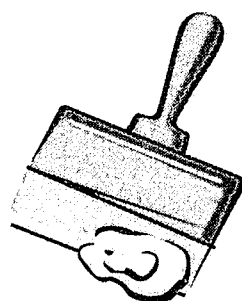
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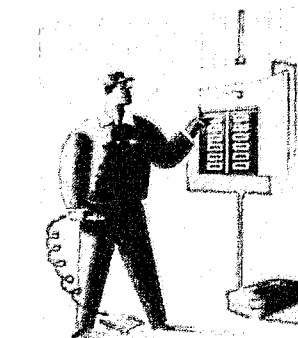
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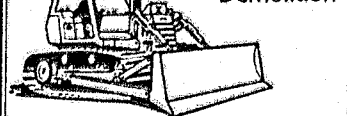
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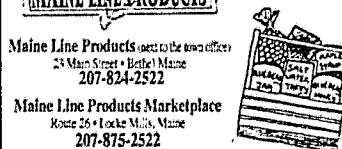
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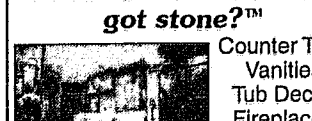


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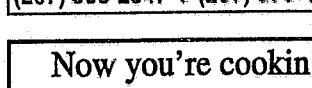
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The Living Nativity Sunday, December 19

A live re-enactment of the nativity using real people and live animals is very inspiring! This event is held outside every year on the Bethel village common. Dress warm and come to the common on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 5:00pm to view this scene performed by local people...and animals. I wonder which new family will play Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus this year!

Christmas Cookie Decorating Sunday, December 19

Following the Living Nativity on the common, there will be Christmas cookie decorating and hot cocoa for kids of all ages at the Bethel Nazarene Church.

Annual Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 19

Choir members from local churches present this beautiful music for the public to enjoy. Beverly Melville directs the singers at 4:00pm on Sunday at the Locke Mills Union Church, Route 26, Greenwood. Refreshments to follow. All are welcome!

Sunday River Black Diamond Entertainment Series Sunday, December 19

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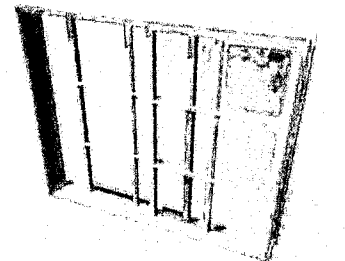
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From the Director

Congratulations to the MKA Lego team! On Saturday, Dec 11 they competed with 47 other teams at the Augusta Civic Center and placed 7th in the overall competition. They won 1st place in Programming! Team members are 6th graders; Ali Turnick, Matthew Bennett, and Kellen True, 5th graders; Gaelan Boyle-Wight, Ben Alford, Caroline Finley, Ana Rossow, Charlie Perry, Sam Weafer. Special thanks to coaches Marie Keane and Rob Rossow.

The students at CPS have been busy this month with a variety of projects including donating toys, books, and games to a variety of organizations. The kids had a great time making holiday cards for our friend Ashley Brown's husband Zac and his unit who are serving our country in Iraq. We hope they enjoy greetings from Maine.

MKA enjoyed spending the day at the Chamber's business showcase which was highlighted by Angie and Brittany wearing the Patriots "snuggles" which we are raffling just in time for Christmas. All proceeds will go toward summer camp scholarships. Tickets are on sale until December 21st! Happy Holidays from all of us at Mahoosuc Kids!

- Julie Hart, MKA Director



Sam Beaudion, Molly Periera, Celia Melanson, Ellen Files, Odessa Files, Leah Angevine and Katherine Haley choosing toys to donate to a shelter for women and children.



Reese Rosenberg and Christopher Pierce went through MKA game cupboard to find gently used games to donate to children for Christmas



Jacky Tse and E.B. Hoff making cards to the troops in Iraq.



Jake Chiasson, Meagan Jewell, Mia Hoffman and Mario DeVivo went through MKA books to donate to a shelter for Christmas



Angie Rosenberg and Brittany Field model the MKA snuggles that are up for raffle to help support the summer scholarship.



Felicity Indermuehle, Peyton Meader and Julia Head bringing their ginger bread men to life.



Leah Angevine, Riley Jerome, Chase Ormiston and Bella DeVivo doing their ginger bread men.



Davin Mason, Lily Schofield, Carly Stevens, and Brayden Stevens make cranberry banana bread with Veronica Penley.



Brayden and Carly Stevens show off their egg cracking skills.

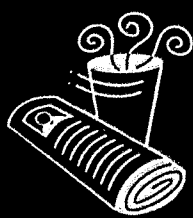
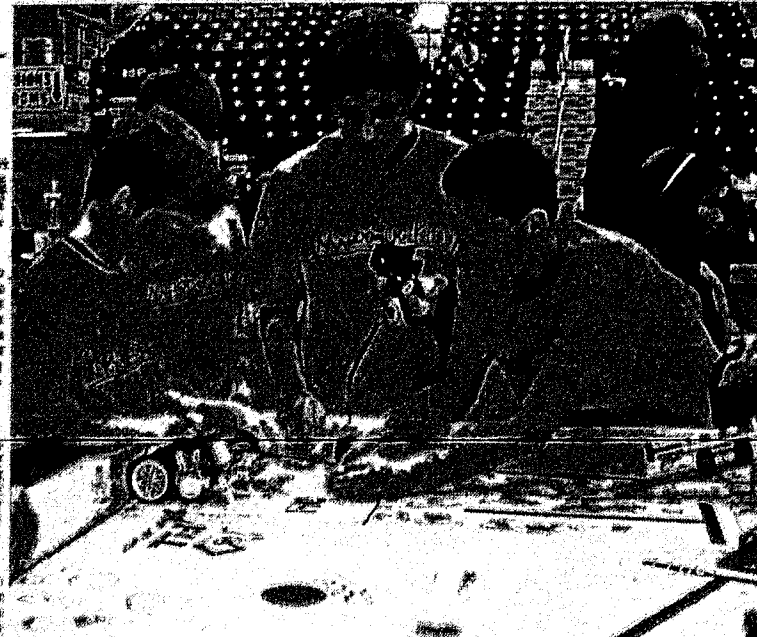
Lego Competition 2010

This year's participants: 6th graders; Ali Turnick, Matthew Bennett, and Kellen True, 5th graders; Gaelan Boyle-Wight, Ben Alford, Caroline Finley, Ana Rossow, Charlie Perry, Sam Weafer.

Awards: 1st place: Programming, 7th place overall in table top competition

Students must: Build a functional robot from legos using the Mindstorms kit or other, program the autonomous robot (moves on its own once you choose the program) and try to complete the missions set out by the folks at FLL (First Lego League) The robots run across a table 4 x 8 feet and pull, push and pick up other lego pieces according to the missions.

Also, there is a Project component, each team must come up with a project designed to be new and innovative with technology. This year the topic was biomedical engineering. The students found very recent material on engineers coming up with new ways to use a person's own tissue to make replacement ligaments for a torn ACL. Our team did "newscast" to demonstrate their knowledge.



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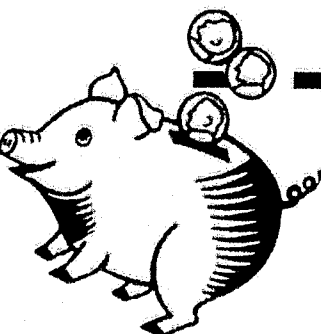
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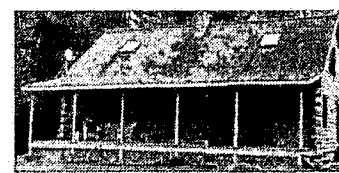
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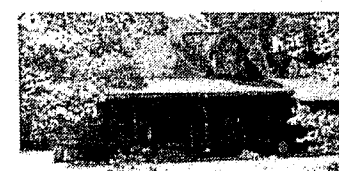
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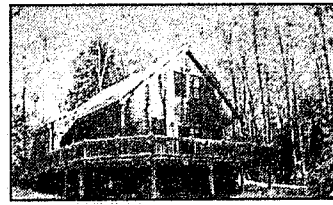
Riverbend Condominiums, Bethel
Unit 53 - Beautiful 1-bedroom, custom-finished end unit with post & beam ceilings, wood floors, granite counters, washer/dryer in unit, covered porch and more. On the Sunday River Road, and the Min Explorer route, just 2 miles from Sunday River. \$139,000



98 Paradise Road, Bethel: his appealing cape is on a beautiful lot with views. Located in a nice neighborhood setting, this home features 4 BRs including master suite, tiled mudroom, sunny open living area and hardwood flooring. Recently constructed post & beam barn with a 2-car garage \$266,000



Millbrook Townhomes, 600/601:
This uniquely designed townhouse is on the 1st fairway at the Bethel Inn Resort. The 3-BR unit features a lockout master suite with bath, kitchenette, fireplace & patio. A private entrance lets owner rent a portion of the townhouse while using the other. Furnished. \$299,000



Lot 20, Winter Park, Bethel:
To be built - attractive 5-BR, 2-bath log-sided chalet with daylight basement for future expansion. Wrap-around deck, gas fireplace, open living area. Mountain views & located close to Sunday River & the White Mountain National Forest. (Photo Representative) \$229,000



52 North Main Street, Andover:
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20 Fairway Drive, Mahoosuc Glen:
Spacious, 5-BR/3.5-bath, quality home directly on Sunday River Golf Club's hole 7 green. Loaded with high-end finishes, Viking gourmet kitchen, separate guest quarters, central a/c, custom cabinets, and spectacular views. Price has been reduced. \$594,000



31 Mammoth Drive, Powder Ridge:
This 8-BR/4-bath, 6,900-sq-ft home is turn-key from furniture to linens & dishes. A separate lock-out unit can be rented or used for family & friends. The home also boasts 2 hot tubs, pool with screened outbuilding & dressing rooms, home theater & more. \$1,795,000



19 Mills Hill Road, Newry: This fully furnished gem, with 7 BRs & 3+ baths, is in mint condition and less than a minute's drive or 5-minute walk to South Ridge Lodge. A lock-out apartment allows owners to use it as a mountain getaway and collect rental income at the same time. \$459,000

Land

0 North Rd, Gilead: 38.9 acres with 685 feet of Androscoggin River frontage and mountain views. Development potential. Gravel road & power in place. \$285,000

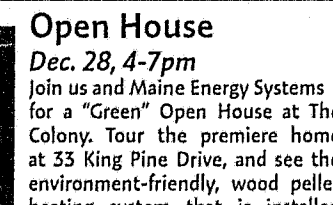
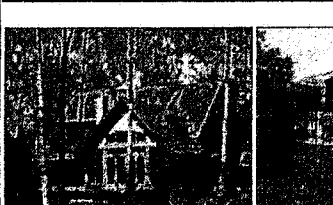
Lot 5, Otter Brook: 13.36-acre parcel of land with beautiful meadow and mountain views. Easy access off a town-maintained road. Soil tested and surveyed. Includes a post and beam barn. \$99,900

Paradise Ridge Rd, Lot 2, Bethel: This 1.4-acre lot offers a ready-to-go building site. Nice homes in the surrounding neighborhood, beautiful mountain views, southern exposure and walking distance to town. \$64,900

Wilsons Ripples, Lot 1, Bethel: Only minutes from Bethel Village in the subdivision of Wilson's Ripples, this is a 3.95-acre corner lot that would make a great location for your year-round or vacation home. \$60,000

Mahoosuc Glen, Lot 45: 1.13+/- acre home site boasts 180-degree views of the Mahoosuc mountain range, Sunday River valley and golf course. \$199,000

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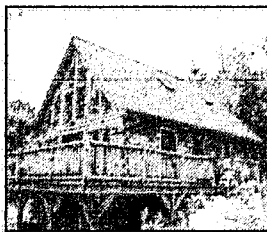
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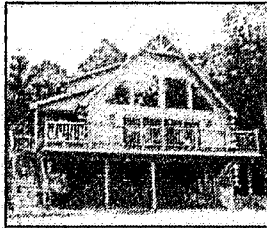
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Brook Road, Bethel \$305,000; Gorgeous log chalet with secluded setting in a nice neighborhood of similar log style homes. Lots of light from the large front windows and double sliding door fills the open kitchen, dining and living areas. Nice stone gas fireplace and pine vaulted ceilings enhance the living area. Tiled mudroom off the large front deck offers great storage. First floor bathroom complete with laundry area, upstairs boasts 2 large bedrooms, full bath and loft area over looking lower level. The full, daylight, walkout basement is finished and makes for a great den or game room. The lower level also offers a full bath with jetted tub. This is a house not to miss!



Countryside Acres, Bethel \$221,500; Log chalet in neighborhood of similar log style homes. Great location with the appeal of a country setting just a few minutes from in-town Bethel's dining and shopping as well as Sunday River and Mt. Abram ski resorts. Nice open layout with a wood burning fireplace in the living room, hardwood flooring, stainless appliances, first floor master bedroom and full, unfinished daylight basement.

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Obituaries

GORDON R. JUSTARD

Gordon R. Justard, 83, of Crescent Avenue, Rumford, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010 at Rumford Community Home following a brief illness.

He was born in Berlin, N.H., on Dec. 24, 1926, a son of J. Robert and Evelyn (Larson) Justard, and raised by his paternal grandparents, Robert and Mary Justard. Gordon was educated in Berlin, N.H., schools.

He served in the US Army from 1950 to 1952 as a Corporal, and taught marksmanship even though he had an artificial eye. Following his discharge from the Army, he moved to Mexico and had resided locally since that time.

Gordon was employed for over 30 years with Boise Cascade Paper Company. He served in his younger years as Constable for the Town of Mexico.

He was a member of Mexico Congregational Church, the American Legion Post #24 and the Rangeley Rod and Gun Club.

Gordon was a past Master of Blazing Star Lodge of Masons #30 and was a member of the Kora Shrine, Lewiston, and chaperoned the 5th grade class from Mexico Elementary to the Shrine Circus for over 30 years.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and snowmobiling at his camp in Oquossoc.

Surviving are his wife of 21 years, Virginia (Merrill) Justard of Rumford; two stepchildren, Brenda Giles and husband Robert of Morrisston, Fla., and Jeffrey Hodsdon and wife Rachel of Wilton; a sister-in-law, Anna Justard of Rumford; and seven grandchildren, Jeffrey McCarthy, Tyler Hodsdon, Caleb Hodsdon, Jennifer Riv-

ers, and Erica White, Brooke Barbosa, and Jacob Hodsdon; several great-grandchildren; a niece, Mary Ellen Bartlett; four nephews, Donald and Barry Justard, and Bernard and Paul Dubendris; a grand niece, Natasha Justard; five grand nephews, Aaron, Nicholas, and Alex Justard, Jeremy Myles, and Marshall Bartlett.

He was predeceased by his parents; his first wife, Marjorie (May Connel) on Oct. 16, 1987; a stepson, Joel Hodsdon; a stepdaughter, Allyson Hodsdon; and a brother, Donald Justard.

You are invited to share your thoughts, condolences, and fond memories with the Justard family by visiting their guestbook at www.SGT-HibaultFuneralHome.com

A Funeral Service was held Saturday, Dec. 11, at SG Thibault Funeral Home with the Rev. Jane Rich officiating. Spring interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Andover. In lieu of flowers contributions in Gordon's memory may be made to Blazing Star Lodge #30 PO Box 501, Rumford, ME 04276.

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Dad and Grampa

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Love Forever,
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Gary Jr.
Nancy & Mike
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Kelly & Andy
Jessie & Carlos
Grandchildren
& Great Grandchildren

JAMES STONE

James Stone, 74, of McMann Road, Stratford, N.H., died Friday afternoon, Dec. 10, 2010, after a long illness. He was surrounded by his loving family at his daughter's home in Lancaster.

Mr. Stone was born in Stratford, N.H., on April 7, 1936, the son of Frank Omega and Isabelle (Sargent) Stone.

A longtime logger and woodsman he was a real outdoorsman. He loved fishing and hunting, especially bear hunting with his bear hounds. Jim enjoyed cooking and was well known for his delicious apple pie, doughnuts, venison stew, biscuits and homemade rolls. He enjoyed riding his "big blue four wheeler" out in the bog.

His deepest passion was staying up to his log cabin with his family and friends. He will be truly missed by his family and friends that knew him.

There is a saying, "All that really matters in the end is that you were loved," and

Jimmy truly was.

Family members include the love of his life for 37 years, wife Dorothy Losier Hanson Stone of Stratford; four sons, Michael Stone, David Stone, and Bradley Stone all of Stratford, Brian Stone and his girlfriend Tammy of Bloomfield, Vt.; a daughter Jana Stone Whitney and her husband Tom Whitney of Lancaster; two step-daughters, Lisa Willey and husband Jeff Willey of Shelburne, N.H., Melissa Hanson and partner Kimberly Phillips of Lancaster, N.H.; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren; he was known as "Poppy" to his special ten-year-old grandson Trae Whitney who will miss him dearly; a brother Samuel Stone and wife Carlene of Stratford; a half sister Ellie; several nieces and nephews, including a special nephew, Josh Stone; and friends. He was predeceased by a son, Jeremy Stone, and five brothers.

There will be a celebration of his life on Thursday, Dec. 16, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Jana's home, 113 Portland Street, Lancaster, N.H.

Donations may be made in his memory to Northwoods Home Health and Hospice, 178 Main Street, Lancaster, NH 03584 or Granite State Independent Living, Attn: Development Department, 21 Chenell Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

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Gary Savage

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Engagements



Baker — Bernier

Ruth Baker of Weymouth, Mass., would like to announce the engagement of her daughter, Nicole Baker, to Jerry Bernier, son of Andre and Flossie Bernier of Milton Township.

Nicole graduated from Weymouth High School in 1996 and from Suffolk University in 2000. She currently works at Aberdeen Group as a Marketing Production Specialist in Boston, Mass.

Jerry graduated from Telstar Regional High School in 1997 and Maine Maritime Academy in 2001. He is director of buildings and grounds for Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine, and owner of Bernier Concrete.

They plan to reside in Woodstock, and are planning a June 4, 2011, wedding.

Births

Melissa Sheriden and Andy Beaton of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Owen Philip Beaton, born on Dec. 8, 2010 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Philip and Christine Sheriden, Marshfield, Mass.

Paternal grandparent is Linda Beaton of Epping, N.H.

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